

Timber Truss & Frame Estimating & Design Project – Additional Units



Summary of Feedback, Responses and Actions

4 May 2020

Seven additional units of competency were revised and drafted as part of this project.

The units are within the FWP Forest and Wood Products Training Package and were made available on the Skills Impact [website](#) for stakeholder review from 6 April to 1 May 2020. Please visit the website to view a full list of the documents that were submitted for consultation during this phase.

All relevant registered training organisations (RTOs) and the few employers who used these units during the last three years were contacted by direct email and follow-up phone calls. At least one of the RTOs that provided comment also engaged with one of their employers in the provision of feedback. It should be noted that the majority of these units are in the category of units with low training and assessment activity.

Below is a summary of the issues raised for the units of competency reviewed as part of the Timber Merchandising Project, and how these issues have been dealt with. This involves a consideration of the information provided and views of industry stakeholders. Resolutions are constructed to consider the needs and views of stakeholders to the extent possible, and to comply with the Standards for Training Package 2012. The resolutions may represent a compromise on one or more stakeholder views with the aim of a workable outcome for industry, State and Territory Training Authorities (STAs) and training providers.

Acronyms - PC – performance criteria, PE – performance evidence, KE – knowledge evidence, AC – assessment conditions, TAC – Technical Advisory Committee

Summary of feedback on draft units of competency

Stakeholder Comments and Identified Issues		Consideration and Proposed Resolution
General		
RTO, VIC	<p>In regard to feedback, we provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We consulted the owner and director of [timber supplier] and he said the units of competency are not in line with current industry practices. For example, timber framing is now automated. Given that all providers have only had 35 enrolments in the units provided in the last 2 years, there is a lack of demand (which would support the premise of the relevance of units). We don't deliver any of the units provided. 	<p>Thank you for your feedback and for reaching out to your industry contact for feedback. It has been noted.</p>

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General		
RTO, QLD	<p>Thank you for your email. I did look at these when you first sent them out, and have had another look at them today. From what I can see, there are no changes that I would recommend, however, I have made note of the following units that we as an RTO, have not trained or assessed in for sometime now and may remove:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FWPCOT2XXX Cut material to shape using a saw • FWPCOT2XXX Tally material • FWPSAW2XXX Assemble materials using nail plates • FWPCOT3XXXX Build and maintain timber stacks • FWPWPP2XXX Cut panels 	<p>Thank you for reviewing these units of competency.</p> <p>Your feedback about the units that your RTO has not trained or assessed is noted. We suggest retaining these units until the review of other forestry and timber processing qualifications that contain these units is undertaken to provide a suitable opportunity to consider them.</p>

Stakeholder Comments and Identified Issues		Consideration and Proposed Resolution
FWPCOT2260 Tally material		
RTO, VIC	<p>This unit is often taught with other units, but it is rarely assessed because at Certificate III there are more important elective units required by an employer. It is a top unit to use as a Pre-employment certificate II program as it teaches the learners about sizes and product categories too. As our RTO moves towards more pre-employment training, I anticipate we will use this unit more.</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback – it has been noted.</p>
	<p>Application – This statement conflicts with element 2 which cites pieces or packs, and with PC 2.1.</p> <p>Suggest the Application be reworded to " of finished packs and their individual piece contents"</p>	<p>Adopted</p>
	<p>PC2.1 – Replace "or" with "and" so this unit applies to both packs and their contents.</p>	<p>Adopted</p>

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FWPCOT2261 Process product orders and prepare for despatch		
RTO, VIC	This unit has not been used much because it includes dispatch with order processing, and as per my unit comments dispatch has become a highly specialized job role. In most plants now the person processing an order is not the despatcher	Thank you for this comment. Based on feedback, unit has been retitled and reworded to Process orders and prepare for despatch, not actually despatch.
	Title - Despatch in a modern timber factory is a highly organised and technical function, not usually completed by the order processor. I suggest rewording the title of this unit to " Process orders and prepare for despatch" as a better reflection of the certificate II level job role.	Adopted – unit retitled to ‘Process orders and prepare for despatch’
	Application - Replace "organise" with "prepare for" needs to happen for the remainder of this unit.	Adopted
	PC1.2 – Delete despatch and replace with "order process"	Adopted – Renamed Element 1 to align with PC changes
	PC2.4 – Change to "wrap or stack"	Adopted
	Element 3 – Reword- to "Prepare products for despatch" PC3.3 - Reword- to "notify despatcher to coordinate loading"	Adopted Adopted – PC3.3 reworded to ‘Notify despatcher to coordinate product loading’
	PC3.4 – Replace driver with despatcher	Adopted
	FS Oral communication - Replace "delivery driver" with " despatcher"	Adopted
	PE – As currently worded you would struggle to find an individual in sawmilling, truss/frame, Wood panel products, Timber Manufacture Products or Timber merchandising that does both order processing and despatch. Suggest that this unit be reworded to process orders and prepare for despatch. The despatch function is will defined in the imported TLI unit at Certificate III or IV.	Title - unit retitled to ‘Process orders and prepare for despatch’
	PE evidence statement – Insert "prepared for"	Adopted

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FWPCOT2261 Process product orders and prepare for despatch		
	Unit mapping	Unit mapping altered to reflect title and element changes

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FWPCOT2262 Cut material to shape using a saw		
RTO, VIC	We have not used this unit for many years	Thank you for this feedback. It has been noted.
	PC1.3 Insert the word 'required' here to ensure learners comply with workplace practice and safety standards	Adopted – added 'required' into PC1.3
	PC4.3 and 4.4 These two PC's could be merged in to one: Something like: Remove and replace sawblades in line with manufacturers recommendations. Send replaced blades for re-sharpening or disposal.	Adopted – merged PC4.3 and 4.4
RTO, VIC	The unit is missing comments in the mapping table.	Thank you for your feedback. The mapping information has been added.

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FWPCOT4421 Monitor stock control procedures		
RTO, VIC	This unit is often in our Certificate III Timber Merchandising (now Timber Building Products Supply) enrolments	Thank you for your comment. Based on feedback, this unit has been recoded to level 4 and retitled to Monitor stock control procedures.
	Application – For discussion- This unit requires stock monitoring, problem solving, continuous improvement and delegation of staff responsibilities. Shouldn't it be at AQF level 4?	Agreed. Unit has been recoded to reflect requirements.

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FWPCOT3320 Build and maintain timber stacks		
RTO, VIC	This unit would be used more than it is. It is often included if we design a whole Certificate III in Sawmilling and Processing for kiln operators.	Thank you for your feedback – it has been noted.

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FWPCOT3320 Build and maintain timber stacks		
	Unit Mapping Information – This unit is almost the same as the previous and is equivalent. As such it should not require renumbering.	The Training Package Development and Endorsement Process Policy (TPDEPP) specifies minor release changes to include correcting errors, updating outdated references, providing clarification to the text of units of competency without any change to the requirements. Where more significant changes have been made to wording within PC and/or Foundation skills and Assessment Requirements than simple 'edits' the unit is required to be recoded and undergo the endorsement process (of consultation and validation) to alert users to changes.
	PE – Delete "protected from weather conditions" Quite a bit of the use of this unit is in stacking timber in the sawmill yard for drying. As such it is deliberately exposed to the weather.	Adopted
	KE – Suggest you replace knot free with "structurally sound"	Adopted

Stakeholder Comments and Identified Issues		Consideration and Proposed Resolution
FWPSAW2212 Assemble materials using nail plates		
RTO, VIC	This unit is very specific to a handful of plants that have plating devices to plate longer length beams rather than finger joint them. Overall industry has been moving towards finger jointing as an alternative because it is cheaper, faster and produces a better product. If no RTO has delivered this unit in the last 10 years I would suggest deletion.	Thank you for your feedback. We suggest retaining this unit until the review of timber processing qualifications that contain this unit to provide a more suitable opportunity to consider it.
	Application – This unit is substantially the same as the previous unit. Suggest that it does not require renumbering.	The Training Package Development and Endorsement Process Policy (TPDEPP) specifies minor release changes as including correcting errors, updating outdated references, providing clarification to the text of units of competency without any change to the requirements. Where more significant changes have been made to wording within PC and/or Foundation skills and Assessment Requirements than simple 'edits' the unit is required to be recoded and undergo the endorsement process (of consultation and validation) to alert users to changes.
	PC1.5 – Delete this PC- this unit is used to extend the length of timber by nail plates. Jigs are not required.	Adopted – PC 1.5 deleted
	PC 2.5 – Delete the words "in jigs" from this PC.	Adopted

	PC4.2 – Delete "jigs" insert "machinery"	Adopted
	FS Writing – Problem with tense- change "identification" to "identify"	Adopted
	KE – Delete "jigs" insert "machinery"	Adopted

Stakeholder Comments and Identified Issues		Consideration and Proposed Resolution
FWPTMM4212 Calculate production costs		
RTO, VIC	We would use this unit more in our Certificate IV Timber Processing if it were less specific to truss and frame. It is regularly used in the qualification menus for Certificate IVs in Timber Truss and Frame design/manufacture, but we haven't had any enrolments in that area for a year or two. I have a couple of learners currently with this unit in their Certificate IV Timber Processing Training Plans.	Thank you for your comments. Based on feedback received, the PE of the unit has been made less specific to truss and frame, allowing selection of products to calculate production costs for to be broader.
	Application – This unit is substantially the same as the existing unit, an as such should not need renumbering.	The Training Package Development and Endorsement Process Policy (TPDEPP) specifies minor release changes as including correcting errors, updating outdated references, providing clarification to the text of units of competency without any change to the requirements. Where more significant changes have been made to wording within PC and/or Foundation skills and Assessment Requirements than simple 'edits' the unit is required to be recoded and undergo the endorsement process (of consultation and validation) to alert users to changes.
	PE – Suggest adding the following to this list: structural timber, treated timber, flooring, decking, laminated timber. This will broaden the potential use of the unit. PE – If the unit requires this, it will make it less applicable to the other timber processing sectors. Suggest instead that these three products be added to the list above and that three products be selected from the total list. This will enable the unit to be contextualised totally for each industry sector	Adopted. Adopted – roof trusses, floor trusses and wall frames included in selection list
	KE – Add "relevant to manufacturing and storage"	Adopted

