

Modification history

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with FWP Forest and Wood Products Training Package Version 8.0.

FWPCOT3XXX	Operate timber finger jointing line
Application	<p>This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to operate a timber finger jointing line. This includes performing pre-operational checks, carrying out in feed operations, monitoring finger jointing operation and performing outfeed operations.</p> <p>The unit applies to timber products operators involved with the production of finger jointed timber in a wood products production facility.</p> <p>All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.</p> <p>No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.</p>
Prerequisite Unit	Nil
Unit Sector	Common Technical (COT)

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Prepare for timber finger jointing operation	1.1 Determine job requirements from work order or instruction, and where required seek clarification from appropriate personnel 1.2 Confirm workplace safety and environmental requirements for the task, including use of personal protective equipment 1.3 Identify, assess and take actions to mitigate hazards and associated risks with operation of finger jointing machinery 1.4 Complete machine pre-operational checks according to manufacturer instructions and workplace procedures 1.5 Check upstream and downstream processing stages to ensure they are ready for production 1.6 Communicate with team members, if applicable, to coordinate work operations 1.7 Confirm quality and quantity of raw materials for production requirements
2. Perform in-feed operations	2.1 Carry out machine start up procedures according to manufacturer instructions and workplace procedures 2.2 Remove foreign matter that could affect cutters and saws 2.3 Identify and confirm cross section of cleats/shooks to match finger jointing machine setup 2.4 Load cleats/shooks to conveyor 2.5 Reject cleats/shooks not meeting grading requirements 2.6 Feed cleats/shooks to jointing operation

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3. Monitor timber finger jointer operation	3.1 Run automatic jointing process and regularly check correct operation of all sections 3.2 Maintain in feed rate to match capability of machine and production requirements 3.3 Monitor product quality regularly and make required adjustments 3.4 Operate finger jointer to minimise misfeeding 3.5 Check and adjust settings for glue curing 3.6 Clean and fill glue spreader according to manufacturer instructions and workplace procedures 3.7 Clear work area regularly according to workplace procedures 3.8 Identify routine processing and equipment faults and resolve or report to appropriate personnel
4. Perform out-feed operations	4.1 Monitor finger jointed product quality to identify defects 4.2 Remove defective finger jointed product for recycling, reuse or disposal 4.3 Stack, package and label finger jointed products 4.4 Complete production and quality records and report according to workplace procedures
5. Perform post operation checks of finger jointer	5.1 Shut down and isolate finger jointing machine according to workplace safety procedures 5.2 Clean machine according to manufacturer instructions 5.3 Conduct visual inspection of machine according to workplace procedures 5.4 Check condition of blades and cutters 5.5 Record and report faults and maintenance requirements to appropriate personnel

Foundation Skills	
<i>This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.</i>	
Skill	Description
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extract routine information from work orders and manufacturer instructions for finger jointer
Oral communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask open and closed questions and use active listening techniques to clarify contents of work orders
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimate quantities and dimensions of materials used in timber finger jointing operations

Unit Mapping Information			
Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
FWPCOT3XXX Operate timber finger jointing line	FWPCOT2209 Produce finger jointed timber	New unit title; Revised and updated all unit components.	Not equivalent
Links		Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=0d96fe23-5747-4c01-9d6f-3509ff8d3d47	

TITLE	Assessment requirements for FWPCOT3XXX Operate timber finger jointing line
Performance Evidence	
<p>An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.</p> <p>There must be evidence that the individual has operated a finger jointing line, either individually or in a team, for one production run according to workplace safety and operating procedures and produced finger jointed timber as directed by work instructions.</p> <p>In performing this work, the individual has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • completed pre-operational checks and start up procedures for finger jointer • checked, loaded and fed cleats/shooks to joining operations • monitored operation to ensure continuity of production, minimise misfeeding and achieve required product quality • removed substandard timber jointed product and stacked, packaged and labelled finger jointed products • reported on production outcomes and product quality • inspected finger jointer condition and notified appropriate personnel of any faults or maintenance needs. 	
Knowledge Evidence	
<p>An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • purpose and function of timber finger jointer • operating parameters and capability of timber finger jointing line specific to workplace environment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maximum and minimum shook cross sections • maximum and minimum shook lengths • maximum and minimum output lengths • throughput speed • operating components of timber finger jointing line: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • face-to-face or edge-to-edge joint profile • trim saws • conveyor • scoring saws • glue applicator • cut off saw • press • crowder • automatic stacker • types of glue used for producing finger jointed timber • range of industry standard cross sections for timber, their strength, tolerances and applicable terminology • methods for assessing condition of cutters and blade associated with timber finger jointing line • monitoring processes in timber finger jointing operations • workplace procedures specific to producing finger jointed timber: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • health and safety with particular emphasis on the use of personal protective equipment and equipment lock out • use and maintenance of equipment • communication reporting lines • recording and reporting production outcomes and equipment faults. • environmental protection practices. 	

Assessment Conditions	
<p>Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • physical conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • skills must be demonstrated in an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions • resources, equipment and materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finger jointer machine • personal protective equipment required for operation of finger jointer machine • cleats/shooks and glue used in finger jointing operations • specifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • workplace health, safety and environmental policies and procedures applicable to finger jointing operations • workplace procedures for finger jointing operations. <p>Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.</p>	
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