

Registration of *Forestry* skill standards

The Muka Tangata – People Food and Fibre Workforce Development Council has developed 6 skill standards listed below.

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Summary

Muka Tangata has developed a new suite of skill standards in machine-assisted felling in response to identified industry needs. This development was initiated following a Court Ordered Enforceable Understanding (COEU) prompted by a fatality during the performance of this task. Over the past seven months, the project has been undertaken in close consultation with Technical Advisory Group (TAG) members and with input and support from key stakeholders across the forestry and arboriculture sectors.

Main changes

- Creation of 6 skill standards to fill the gaps in tree felling and machine assisted felling.

Detailed list of skill standards – classification, title, level, and credits

All changes are in bold.

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Forestry > Forest Operations Management

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review category
40728	Manage a worksite for a tree operation	4	5	New

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Forestry > Machine Operations – Forestry

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review category
40726	Prepare for and execute machine-assisted tree felling as a machine operator	4	10	New

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Forestry > Tree Felling

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review category
40723	Fell non-pine species trees	4	10	New
40724	Plan and fell trees using advanced techniques in a tree felling operation	4	20	New
40725	Prepare for and execute machine-assisted felling of small trees as a tree faller	3	10	New
40727	Prepare for and execute machine-assisted tree felling as a tree faller	4	10	New