

Title	Demonstrate knowledge of environmental legislation affecting commercial forestry		
Level	5	Credits	5

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: explain the main environmental legislation impacting on commercial forestry; explain environmental protection responsibilities and the forest industry's role in self-regulation; and demonstrate knowledge of a resource consent application for a forestry project on a given site.
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Classification	Forestry > Forestry Knowledge
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).
- 2 Reference
Environmental Code of Practice refers to the *New Zealand Environmental Code of Practice for Plantation Forestry* published by the New Zealand Forest Owners Association, available at <http://www.nzfoa.org.nz>.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Explain environmental legislation impacting on commercial forestry.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 The objectives of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) are described in accordance with the Environmental Code of Practice.
- 1.2 The impact of the RMA on forest operations is explained in accordance with the Environmental Code of Practice.
- 1.3 Constraints impacting on forestry are identified and described in accordance with the RMA.

- 1.4 Regional and district council requirements that impact on forest management are described in accordance with the RMA.

Range regional plans, district plans, resource consents.

- 1.5 Classification and protection requirements for natural resources are described in accordance with the RMA.

Outcome 2

Explain environmental protection responsibilities and the forest industry's role in self regulation.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Areas of responsibility for protection of the environment under the RMA are explained in accordance with the Environmental Code of Practice.

Range Ministry for the Environment, regional council, territorial authorities.

- 2.2 Worker responsibility in respect of the environment is explained in accordance with the Environmental Code of Practice.

- 2.3 The employer's responsibility in respect of the environment is explained in accordance with the Environmental Code of Practice.

- 2.4 The forest industry's role in self-regulation and the application of legislation through the development of the Environmental Code of Practice is explained.

Outcome 3

Demonstrate knowledge of a resource consent application for a forestry project on a given site.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 The types of activities covered by resource consents are defined in accordance with the Environmental Code of Practice.

Range prohibited, non-complying, discretionary, controlled, restricted discretionary.

- 3.2 The procedure which must be followed to secure a resource consent is explained in accordance with the RMA.

- 3.3 The process for identifying areas of cultural significance is explained in accordance with the RMA.

Range land ownership, historic places.

- 3.4 Activities specific to forest operations that may be included in a resource consent are explained in accordance with the RMA.

Range may include but is not limited to – vegetation removal, stream crossings, earthworks.

- 3.5 The monitoring requirements for a resource consent are explained in accordance with the reference text.

Range time, triggers, compliance, record variations.

- 3.6 The regional and district council's procedure for determining the outcome of a resource consent application is explained in accordance with the RMA.

- 3.7 The ongoing liaison required with the regional council is explained in accordance with the reference text.

Range reporting, closing inspection.

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Comments on this unit standard

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