

Title	Assess the worksite, prepare and operate a vertical lift elevating work platform (EWP)		
Level	3	Credits	2

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – assess the worksite; – prepare to use a vertical lift EWP; – carry out operations in a workplace environment; and – report faults, and shut down the vertical lift EWP.
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Classification	Cranes > Power-operated Elevating Work Platforms
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Available grade	Achieved
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Prerequisites	Unit 23966, <i>Describe types of elevating work platforms (EWPs), and industry requirements for their use, or demonstrate equivalent knowledge and skills.</i>
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Guidance Information

- 1 All tasks must be carried out in accordance with the Best Practice Guide (BPG) based on:
 - a. quality management systems;
 - b. designer's requirements and manufacturers' operating instructions; legislation, regulations, bylaws, Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, Health and Safety in Employment Regulations 1995, and Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010;
 - c. the most up to date version of the:
 - Best Practice Guidelines Mobile Operating Work Platforms* (August 2014), and all subsequent amendments and replacements, available from <https://www.worksafe.govt.nz>;
 - d. AS 2550.10-2006, *Cranes, hoists and winches – Safe use – Mobile elevating work platforms*; available from <https://www.saiglobal.com/>;
 ISO 18878:2013, *Mobile elevating work platforms – Operator (driver) training*;
 ISO 18893:2014, *Mobile elevating work platforms – Safety principles, inspection, maintenance and operation*; available at [ISO - Standards](#).
- 2 Definitions

Company requirements: include the policy, procedures, and methodologies of the company. They include legislative and regulatory requirements which may apply across the company or to a specific site. Requirements are documented in the company's health and safety plans, contract work programmes, quality assurance programmes, policies, and procedural documents.

Elevating Work Platforms (EWP): covered by this standard are specified in the BPG.

A *vertical lift EWP*: also known as a personnel lift EWP, a vertical personnel platform, man up or stock picker.

3 Assessment

The vertical lift EWP used for assessment must be suitable for the job being undertaken.

Assessment of outcome 2 is based on the results of outcome 1.

Assessment of skills relating to elevating work platforms in an electricity supply or horticulture environment are covered respectively by the other Standard Setting Bodies' unit standards.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Assess the worksite, and prepare to use a vertical lift EWP.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Inspect worksite for existing and potential hazards.
- 1.2 Eliminate or minimise hazards in accordance with company requirements.
- Range includes but is not limited to – on-site plant and equipment, ground conditions, underground services, weather, overhead services or structures, vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
- 1.3 Determine resource requirements for operation in accordance with company requirements.
- Range includes but is not limited to – staff, plant and equipment, personal protective equipment, additional lighting.
- 1.4 Complete documentation in accordance with company requirements.
- Range includes but is not limited to – hazard identification sheet, traffic management plan, pre start checklists, site procedure forms, notification to WorkSafe New Zealand.
- 1.5 Determine working zone in accordance with company requirements.
- Range includes but is not limited to – minimum approach distances, barriers, competent worker zone.
- 1.6 Carry out pre-operational checks on the EWP in accordance with the code of practice.
- Range includes but is not limited to – wheels, brakes, fuel and fluid levels, batteries, hydraulics, supporting structure, power mechanism, emergency controls, electrical safety certification if applicable, certification status of EWP.

Outcome 2

Carry out operations in a workplace environment, report faults, and shut down the vertical lift EWP.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Set up the vertical lift elevating work platform in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations prior to starting work.
- Range includes but is not limited to – emergency descent, travelling and operating slope.
- 2.2 Identify minimum approach distances to electrical conductors and maintain hazard controls in accordance with company requirements.
- 2.3 Operate the work platform in a smooth and accurate manner.
- Range includes but is not limited to –
position on flat surface – raise, lower, where applicable slew, extend, retract;
movement in straight line – backwards, forwards;
movement in curve – backwards, forwards.
- 2.4 Ensure safe working load is kept within load limits during operation in accordance with manufacturer's requirements.
- 2.5 Describe procedures in the event of inclination warning, and recovery manoeuvres in accordance with manufacturer's requirements.
- 2.6 Use personal protective equipment in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations and company requirements.
- 2.7 Report faults and damage in accordance with company requirements.
- 2.8 Shut down, make safe and secure the vertical lift EWP in accordance with company requirements.

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Comments on this unit standard

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