

<b>Title</b>	<b>Set and operate a thicknesser to splay and taper wooden furniture components</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>4</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to: prepare to set and operate a thicknesser; and demonstrate and apply knowledge of setting and operating a thicknesser to splay and taper wooden furniture components.
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<b>Classification</b>	Furniture > Furniture and Cabinet Making
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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### Guidance Information

- 1 Assessment information  
This unit standard may be assessed against on-job or off-job.  
Job specifications, equipment used, and job output must conform to current commercial industry practice.  
All activities and performance criteria must be carried out in accordance with worksite policies and procedures.
- 2 Personal protective equipment, appropriate to job requirements, must be selected and used in accordance with worksite policies and procedures and manufacturer's instructions.
- 3 Reference  
Guidance for woodworking machinery, available at <https://worksafe.govt.nz/topic-and-industry/machinery/woodworking>.
- 4 Definitions  
*Manufacturer's instructions* are instructions provided by manufacturers of substances, equipment, and machinery used in furniture making. These instructions may include details on safe and correct handling, use and storage of substances and/or details on substance properties. Examples are labels on substance containers, product data sheets, and operator's manuals.  
*SOIs* refer to safe operating instructions which are documented instructions attached to machines which detail requirements for safe operation of the particular machine.  
*Worksite policies and procedures* refer to documented policies and to documented or other directions provided to staff. These may include, but are not limited to, ways of managing health and safety, environmental considerations, quality, and production, and must conform to legislation. Examples include standard operating procedures, company health and safety plans, on-site briefings, and supervisor's instructions. For the purposes of this unit standard worksite policies and procedures may also refer to the policies and procedures of an off-job training site.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Prepare to set and operate a thicknesser.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Job specifications are obtained and interpreted.  
Range jigs.
- 1.2 Materials and jigs are selected in accordance with job specifications.
- 1.3 Environmental and safety requirements are met.  
Range electrical power, lighting, ventilation, dust extraction.

### Outcome 2

Demonstrate and apply knowledge of setting a thicknesser to splay and taper wooden furniture components.

#### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Cutters are changed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and SOIs.  
Range even cutter projection, correct size and weight, safe handling and storage, secured tightly.
- 2.2 Jig is placed into the machine and the thicknesser table is adjusted to height in accordance with job specifications.
- 2.3 Routine maintenance of the equipment is explained in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.  
Range cutters, tables, lubrication, pulleys, belts.

### Outcome 3

Demonstrate and apply knowledge of operating a thicknesser to splay and taper wooden furniture components.

#### Performance criteria

- 3.1 Pre-start checks are performed in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.
- 3.2 Machine is operated in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and SOIs.

- 3.3 Splaying and tapering are monitored throughout production in accordance with job specifications.
- 3.4 Possible causes of inaccurate splaying and tapering and their corrective actions are explained.
- Range machine variation, loading of component, unclear work surface, condition of cutters.
- 3.5 Splays and tapers are machined within time limits and in accordance with job specifications.
- Range accurate dimensions and angles.
- 3.6 Machine and work area are made clean, clear, and safe.

<b>Replacement information</b>	This unit standard and unit standard 25552 replaced unit standard 18908.
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#### Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

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Review	4	28 January 2021	N/A

<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	0173
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

#### Comments on this unit standard

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