

Title	Operate a baler for silage or hay		
Level	3	Credits	15

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: confirm job instructions; select and prepare baling equipment and machinery; carry out field preparation; operate a baler for silage or hay; and carry out post-operational procedures.
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Classification	Rural Contracting > Agricultural Contracting
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Available grade	Achieved
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Pre-requisites	Class of driver licence and any driver licence endorsement appropriate for the vehicle being driven.
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Guidance Information

- 1 Evidence presented for assessment against this unit standard must be consistent with safe working practices and be in accordance with relevant industry and legislative requirements.
- 2 Legislation and references relevant to this unit standard include:
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, available from www.legislation.govt.nz;
 - *Land Transport Rule – Heavy Vehicles 2004*, available from www.nzta.govt.nz;
 - and all subsequent amendments and replacements.
- 3 Definitions

Baler refers to a square baler or round baler.

Industry requirements refer to relevant policies, processes, methodologies, industry codes of practice, site specific health and safety plans, standard operating procedures, site safety plans, quality plans, work plans, traffic management plans, contract work programmes, job safety analysis, safe work method statements, job instructions, manufacturer's requirements, contract specifications, manuals, procedural documents.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Confirm job instructions.

Performance criteria

1.1 Job instructions are confirmed.

Outcome 2

Select and prepare baling equipment and machinery.

Performance criteria

2.1 Equipment and machinery appropriate for the work are selected.

Range tow vehicle, baler capability.

2.2 Equipment and machinery are checked, fit for purpose and corrective action is taken.

Outcome 3

Carry out field preparation.

Performance criteria

3.1 Hazards are identified and controlled.

3.2 Conditions are checked to ensure operations may proceed.

Range weather, crop readiness, ground.

Outcome 4

Operate a baler for silage or hay.

Performance criteria

4.1 Machine is operated in a safe manner with no risk of harm to people and animals or damage to equipment or property structures.

4.2 Equipment and machinery are monitored during use, and required adjustments are made in accordance with client requirements.

4.3 Baling is in accordance with the planned work programme and the bales are formed uniformly and in accordance with client requirements.

Outcome 5

Carry out post-operational procedures.

Performance criteria

5.1 Equipment and machinery are shut down and stored.

- 5.2 Equipment is cleaned, lubricated, and damage is sent for repair, replaced, or reported.
- 5.3 Documentation for the operation is completed and stored in accordance with client requirements.

Replacement information	This unit standard replaced unit standard 23630 and unit standard 23631.
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

Please contact Connexis - Infrastructure Industry Training Organisation qualifications@connexis.org.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.