Title	**Operate a telehandler above 12 metres in size with stabiliser**		
Level	**3**	**Credits**	**5**

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: – prepare for operation of a telehandler with stabiliser; – operate a telehandler with stabiliser on a worksite; – complete post-operational procedures for a telehandler with stabiliser.

Classification	Infrastructure Works > Civil Plant Operation

Available grade	Achieved

Prerequisites	Class of driver licence and endorsements required for the vehicle being driven if applicable.

Guidance Information

1 This unit standard is the second of a series of three unit standards about operating telehandlers – Unit 23637, *Operate a non-rotating telescopic handler with attachments*; and unit 33426, *Operate a rotating telehandler with attachments*. This unit standard is recommended to be completed prior to unit standard 33426.

2 Learning and assessment for this unit standard must be in accordance with the following:
- Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
- Approved Code of Practice for Training Operators and Instructors of Powered Industrial Lift Trucks (Forklifts), Aug 1995, available at https://www.worksafe.govt.nz/dmsdocument/215-acop-training-operators-and-instructors-of-powered-industrial-lift-trucks;
and all subsequent amendments and replacements.

3 Definition
Company requirements refer to policy, procedures, and methodologies of the company. They include legislative and regulatory requirements applicable to the company or a specific site. Requirements are documented in the company's health and safety plans, traffic management plans, contract work programmes, quality assurance programmes, policies, and procedural documents.

4 This unit standard does not meet the requirements for the Approved Code of Practice for Cranes, Page 47, Part 4: *Requirements for persons operating or working with cranes*.

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Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Prepare for operation of a telehandler with stabiliser.

Performance criteria

1.1 Job task is confirmed in accordance with company requirements.

1.2 Attachments are checked for certification, working load limit (WLL) or rating, and compatibility in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and company requirements.

Range stabiliser components including outriggers and levelling systems.

1.3 Pre-operational checks including inspecting stabiliser components and start up procedures are carried out in accordance with company requirements.

Range operator checklist, machine operation, impact of stabilisers on machine stability and load handling.

1.4 A risk assessment for the site is carried out, and any identified site hazards are eliminated or minimised.

Outcome 2

Operate a telehandler with stabiliser on a worksite.

Performance criteria

2.1 Telehandler with stabiliser is manoeuvred and controlled on site with attention to adequate clearances, safe positioning, worker and operator safety in accordance with the operator manual and company requirements.

Range extend and retract stabilisers.

2.2 Telehandler is controlled using stabilisers on slopes and cambers or the different ground conditions for the site, in accordance with operating limits, the operator manual and company requirements.

Range alternative steering modes.

2.3 Telehandler with stabiliser is operated in terms of smoothness of movement, machine stability, taking care of on-site assets and equipment, in accordance with the operator manual.

Range evidence is required for same load or attachment placed at two different heights or distances while stabilisers are deployed.

2.4 Stabiliser malfunction issues are identified and responded to appropriately.

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Outcome 3

Complete post-operational procedures for a telehandler with stabiliser.

Performance criteria

3.1 Telehandler is shut down safely, secured, and daily maintenance and lubrication of stabiliser components are carried out, in accordance with company requirements.

3.2 Telehandler and the stabiliser components are inspected, and any faults are reported in accordance with company requirements.

This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.

Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

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