Open Awards Qualification Unit

This unit forms part of a regulated qualification.

1 Unit Details

Unit Title:	Place and Fix Fence Posts
Unit Reference Number:	R/618/8391
Level:	2
Credit Value:	3
Minimum GLH:	23

2 Learning Outcomes and Criteria

Learning Outcome (The Learner will):		Assessment Criterion (The Learner can):	
1.	Know the legislation and codes of practice that apply to the placing and fixing of fence posts.	1.1	Outline the health and safety legislation and codes of practice associated with placing and fixing fence posts.
2.	Be able to work safely in line with relevant legislation, guidelines and industry codes of practice.	2.1	Work safely in line with health and safety legislation and requirements.
		2.2	Work in ways which minimise environmental impacts.
		2.3	Dispose of waste and excess materials safely and in line with environmental guidelines and good practice.
3.	Be able to select and prepare tools, equipment and resources to place and fix fence posts.	3.1	Select appropriate tools, equipment and resources for the task to be completed.
		3.2	Select appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the task to be completed.
		3.3	Safely prepare tools, equipment and resources for placing and fixing fence posts.
4.	Be able to prepare materials for placing and fixing fence posts.	4.1	Obtain fencing materials of the specified: • Grade • Material • Quality for the task to be completed.
5.	Understand methods for placing and fixing fence posts.	5.1	Explain the uses of different methods of fixing fence posts.
		5.2	Explain methods used for aligning and levelling fence posts.

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		5.3	Explain the purpose and methods for setting posts to allow for fence wire tensioning.
		5.4	Outline the factors that affect the positioning and method of fixing posts.
		5.5	Identify different methods of backfill and consolidation.
		5.6	Outline the precautions that should be taken to avoid distortion during wire tensioning process.
6.	Be able to place and fix fence posts.	6.1	Use different methods to place and fix fence posts to meet specified line, level and angle.
		6.2	Follow recommended working practices to position and fix fence and gate posts.
		6.3	Use recommended methods to provide temporary supports to posts.
7.	Be able to deal with difficulties when placing and fixing fence posts.	7.1	Deal with difficulties as they arise with the work, within the limits of own role.

Assessment Guidance

Learners should be appropriately supervised at all times when using tools and equipment.

Learning Outcome 3

Please note that this Learning Outcome does not cover the use of power rammers in the placing and fixing of fence posts.

Learning Outcome 5 - Indicative Content

Learners should be familiar with a range of methods for fixing fence posts including but not limited to: backfilling and consolidating, driving, bolting, casting and socketing.

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