Hydraulic Log Loader Assessment

	This document can be used:For gathering evidence in a training environment
Assessment	 As a competency check of knowledge on an existing worker; or
	As a summative assessment.
Candidate Name	
Assessor Name	
Date of Assessment	
	☐ The candidate met all outcomes of the worker assessment
Summary of Assessment	☐ The candidate has NOT met all outcomes of the worker assessment
Assessment	Gap training plan developed
Date of Reassessment	
Summary of	□ The candidate met all outcomes of the worker assessment
Reassessment	☐ The candidate has NOT met all outcomes of the worker assessment
	 Complete the assessment with the candidate adding notes to justify your decisions.
	• Ensure the first page of this document is completed (all fields).
Instructions	• Develop a gap training plan for practical deficiencies if required.
	 Use the same form for reassessment (if applicable) only reassessing the areas where gaps exist.
	 Conduct the competency conversation before conducting the practical assessment.

Note: This worker assessment covers the technical components of a specific role. For general knowledge and a complete picture of a worker's competency, BC Forest Safety recommends the optional Basic Forest Worker competency profile and assessment tools that can be found at www.bcforestsafe.org.

Part 1 - Competency Conversation

General Instructions

To conduct a competency conversation, ask the worker the questions in this first part of the assessment to determine if they understand the knowledge components of their role. It is acceptable to rephrase the question in a way that the worker understands but the worker cannot be given hints to the correct answer. The assessment should not be used as a training opportunity; instead any deficiencies identified in this assessment should be collected into a gap training plan and addressed with the worker later.

Important Note: Do not conduct competency conversation while operating equipment.

Training and Assessment Rubric

Assessment Instruction	S - This means that the candidate must supply all responses listed, as the knowledge is safety critical or important.
	B - This means the candidate must at a minimum verbalize the bolded responses, and additional responses are further proof of competence.
	P - The candidate must give a percentage of responses correctly to reasonably show competence in the area.

1068 – Describe Signals Used in Forestry

Locator	Questions			
General Yarding / General Mechanized Harvesting				
1.2	What is the signal process before blasting?			
	12 short whistle signals sounded at 1 second intervals			
	Two minutes elapse after the last warning signal before initiating the blast			
	After blast and inspection one prolonged whistle of at least 5 second duration must be sounded before permission granted to return announced by radio			
	Assessment Instruction: S			
	Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met	

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1090 – Describe Harvesting Methods

Locator	Questions			
	General Forestry			
1.1	In what conditions are cable-logging systems generally used?			
		Cable logging is generally conducted on steep slope, wet, or inaccessible terrain for ground based mechanized harvesting		
	Assessment Instruction: S	ssessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met	
1.2	What are safety considerations related to ground based mechanized harvesting?			
	Machine limitations (slop	be and stability, handling loads)		
	Ground conditions			
	Steep slopes			
	Lock out			
	Three-point contact			
	Crush points			
	Minimum safe separation	n or hazard zones and safe zone	es	
	Overhead or buried power or gas			
	Danger trees			
	Assessment Instruction: P -7 f	rom list		
	Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met	
1.3	What are safety consideratio	ns related to cable logging sy	stems?	
	Runaway trees			
	Bight			
	Clearing			
	Workers in area			
	Minimum safe distances			
	Danger trees			
	Assessment Instruction: P – 6 f	from list		
	Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met	

2.3	What is critical to do when changing a logging plan?			
	Communicate to all work	ers what the changes are		
	Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met	

1081 – Describe Tools and Equipment for Heavy Machinery

Locator	Questions			
	Mechanized Harvesting / Road Building			
1.1	What are 9 common and spe	cialty tools used on heavy eq	uipment?	
	Multi-testers			
	Inspection mirrors			
	Pick up magnets			
	Easy outs			
	Taps and dies			
	Hammers			
	□ Shovels			
	Drift and pry bars			
	Chisel			
	□ Files			
	☐ Jack			
	☐ Air tools			
	Impact wrenches			
	□ Ratchets			
	Die grinder			
	□ Greaser			
	Hose press			
	Assessment Instruction: P – 9	from list		
	Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met	

2.1	Name eight pieces of welding	g equipment and supplies us	ed on heavy equipment	
	Oxy acetylene cutting sy	/stems		
	□ Air arc			
	Chip hammers			
	Propane gas torch 'tiger	Propane gas torch 'tiger torch'		
	Wire brush			
	Chalk			
	Tip cleaner			
	Grinder			
	🗆 Drill			
	□ Cut off saw			
	□ Air tools			
	☐ Flux chippers			
	Grinders			
	□ Vice			
	Cutting table			
	Plasma cutter			
	Assessment Instruction: P – 8	from list		
	Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met	
2.2	What are three types of weld	ing commonly used on heavy	v equipment?	
	□ Stick			
	□ Wire feed			
	Brazing			
	Assessment Instruction: S			
	Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met	
2.3	What PPE is mandatory whe	n using welding equipment?		
	Gloves			
	Welding helmet			
	Cutting goggles			
	Fireproof clothing			
	□ Safety glasses			
	Assessment Instruction: S			
	Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met	

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3.1	What are common gas-power	What are common gas-powered tools used on heavy equipment?			
	□ Cut off saw				
	Pressure washers				
	□ Gas or electric compressors				
	Gas or diesel generators				
	Plate compactor				
	Assessment Instruction: P – 4 from list				
	Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met		

1082 – Describe General Heavy Equipment Inspection and Maintenance Procedures

Locator	Ques	tions		
Mechanized Harvesting / Road Building				
1.1	What are the major mechanical components or systems that require maintenance and inspection?			
		Engine systems		
		Hydraulic systems		
		Electrical systems		
		Attachments		
		Undercarriage		
	Asse	ssment Instruction: S		
		Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met
1.2	What	are common symptoms o	r indicators of failure?	
		Noise		
		Vibration		
		Smells		
		Leaks		
		Cracks		
		Lack of power		
		Improper function		
		Exhaust colour		
		Gauges		

	Warning lights		
	Assessment Instruction: P – 7 fro	m list	
	Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met
2.1	What are the three main pre-sta	art procedures?	
	External visual equipment	checks	
	Fluid checks		
	Operational (in cab) check	S	
	Assessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met
2.2	What are the main consideration	ons for shut down procedures	?
	Parking position		
	Attachments grounded		
	Cool down time		
	Maintenance log		
	Assessment Instruction: S		
	Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met
2.3	What are common maintenanc	e procedures on heavy equip	ment?
	Lock out or zero energy st	ate	
	Greasing		
	Adding fluids and fuel		
	Draining fuel sumps and w	vater separators	
	Tightening loose hardware	•	
	Repair leaks		
	Replacing O-rings		
	Replacing hoses		
	Replacing filters		
	Bleeding air from fuel system	ems	
	Adjust track tension		
	Adjust belt tension		
	Maintain tire pressure		
	Clean and maintain batteri	es	
	Assessment Instruction: P – 10 fr	om list	
	Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met

1083 – Describe Heavy Equipment Mechanical Systems

Locator	Questions			
	Mechanized Harvesting / Road Building			
1.1	What are two basic components of an engine and their function?			
	Turbo charger – increases power on an engine			
	Cylinder head – Allows air/fuel into/out of combustion chamber			
	Piston – creates compressi	on		
	Assessment Instruction: P – 2 fror	n list		
	Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met	
1.2	Name two things a driver should	d check in an engine lubricat	ion system	
	Oil level			
	Oil pressure			
	Grade of oil required			
	Assessment Instruction: P – 2 fror	n list		
	Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met	
1.3	What are two components of a c	cooling system and their fund	ction?	
	Radiator – allows air and w	ater flow to cool engine		
	Hoses – water to circulate			
	□ Fan – draw air into radiator			
	Fan belts – drive the fan			
	Assessment Instruction: P – 2 fror	n list		
	Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met	
1.4	What are three components of a	a fuel system and their functi	on?	
	Tanks – holds fuel			
	Lines – deliver fuel from tank to engine			
	□ Filters – removes foreign debris from fuel			
	Pump – Deliver fuel to engine			
	Assessment Instruction: P – 3 fror	n list		
	Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met	

1.5	What	are three components of	air induction and exhaust sy	stems and their function?	
		Pre-cleaner – Takes coars	se particulates from air supply		
		Air filter – Removes fine particulates from air supply			
		Air to air – Delivery system of air to the turbo charged engine			
		After treatment (DEF) – S	ystem that minimizes air pollution	on in exhaust	
	Asses	ssment Instruction: P – 3 fr	om list		
		Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met	
2.1	What	are three components of	hydraulic systems including	function?	
		Pumps – pump fluid			
		Motor – propulsion on con	nponents		
		Cylinders – move attachm	ents or implements		
		Hoses – delivers fluid to m	notors or cylinders		
		Valves – Controls flows			
		Tank and fluid level indica	tor – identify levels of fluids		
	Asse	ssment Instruction: P – 3 fr	om list		
		Assessment:			
3.1	What	are three components of	a powertrain system includi	ng function?	
		Travel motor – allows mad	chine/component to move		
		Transmissions – transfer p	power form engine to drive syst	ems	
		Differentials – transfers po	ower from transmission to axles		
		Swing gear – allows mach	ine to rotate		
		Final drives – drives tracks	S		
		Engine – primary source of	of power		
		Pumps – secondary sourc	e of power		
	Asses	ssment Instruction: P – 3 fro	om list		
		Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met	

4.1	What are three components of track systems including function?							
		Tracks – enables machine	e to move					
		Idler – allows track to rota	te around					
		Sprocket – drives track to rotate around						
		Bottom and top (carrier) rollers – reduce friction within the undercarriage system						
		Track adjuster – keeps track tight						
	Assessment Instruction: P – 3 from list							
		Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met				
5.1	What	are four types of braking	systems?					
		Air system						
		Hydraulic system						
		Air/hydraulic system						
		Engine braking system (co	ompression, exhaust)					
		Hydrostatic system						
	Asse	ssment Instruction: P – 4 fro	om list					
		Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met				
6.1	Name	e three common parts of	electrical systems and their f	unction				
		Alternators – creates elec	trical current					
		Starters – starts the engin	e					
		Batteries – powers the sta	arter					
		Fuses – fail safe for syste	m					
		Solenoids – a electromag	netic switch					
		Switches - turns power on	and off					
	Asse	ssment Instruction: P – 3 fro	om list					
		Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met				
6.1	What	are the two common typ	es of electrical systems?					
		12 V and 24 V						
	Asse	ssment Instruction: S						
	Assessment: Outcome met Outcome not met							

7.1	Name three types of ground engaging systems and their function						
		Blades – pushes material					
		Buckets – carries material					
		Scarifiers – digs up ground					
		□ Grapples – grabs logs					
		Rock hammer – breaks rocks					
		Compactors – compresse	s material				
		Drill hammer – drills holes	in rocks				
	Assessment Instruction: P – 3 from list						
		Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met			

1097 – Describe and Operate Hydraulic Log Loader

Locator	Questions						
1.1	Name two places an operator can find information on operational capabilities, limitations, and restrictions of hydraulic log loaders						
	Operator manuals						
	□ Standard operating proced	ures					
	Assessment Instruction: S						
	Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met				
1.3	What are hazards related to ope	erating a hydraulic log loader	?				
	\Box Slips and falls						
	Crush points						
	☐ Fire from debris build up wi	ith machine					
	Roll over						
	Other worker in work area						
	Energized machines						
	Communication failure						
	Unstable soil						
	□ Slippery machine surfaces						
	☐ Jill pokes						
	Logs entering cab						
	Assessment Instruction: P – 4 from	m list					
	Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met				

4.1	What are common attachments found on hydraulic log loaders?					
	Hydraulic cab riser					
	Heel boom					
	Butt 'n' Top					
	Clam / power grapple					
	Assessment Instruction: S					
	Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met			
2.10	What long-term affect does con	nstantly sitting in a poor body	v position cause?			
	Sore back					
	Sore neck					
	□ Sore shoulders					
	Carpal tunnel syndrome					
	Assessment Instruction: P – 3 fr	om list				
	Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met			
3.3	What basic repairs may an ope	rator perform on a hydraulic	log loader?			
	Replace hydraulic hoses					
	Replace / clean fuel filters					
	□ Change engine oil and filte	er				
	Adjust belt tension					
	□ Clean battery terminals					
	Adjust track tension or air	tire pressure				
	Assessment Instruction: P – 5 fro	m list				
	Assessment:	Outcome met	Outcome not met			

Part 2 – Practical Assessment

General Instructions

To conduct the practical assessment, monitor the worker in a variety of situations to determine if they can consistently perform the skill components of their role in a safe and effective manner. Once confident that the worker can conduct the skills consistently, mark the outcome met. If the worker cannot consistently perform the skills required, add this component to the gap training plan.

Remember not to distract the operator when conducting the practical assessment.

Training and Assessment Rubric

Outcome Not Met (ONM)	Skills: Can complete the task but only with direct instruction and supervision, may lack consistency in application.
	Knowledge: Does not understand what they are doing, or are not aware of a knowledge deficiency, or need guidance and support.
	Attributes: Displays limited or no professional attributes including being fit for work, prepared for the day, working in an organized manner, achieving work outcomes, or lacks in consistency.
Outcome Met (OM)	Skills: Consistently completes the task using safe work practices multiple times in a variety of contexts.
	Knowledge: Has a solid grasp of underpinning knowledge, consistently applies it, and can explain it.
	Attributes: Consistently displays professional attributes including being fit for work, prepared for the day, working in and organized manner and achieving work outcomes.

A) PREPARE FOR THE DAY	ОМ	ONM	N/A
Arrived on time			
Clothing for conditions			
 Layered clothing appropriate to the elements for working and transport conditions 			
Nutrition and water			
Adequate food for the day			
 Sufficient hydration for work and weather conditions 			
Fit for work			
 Candidate is physically able to do the task 			
3-point contact on and off machine			
 Able to get up and down machine 			
Able to perform simple maintenance			
Able to change attachments			
Can fit through escape hatch			
Not noticeably impaired			
 Candidate is not obviously physically or mentally impaired (by drugs, alcohol, personal situations, fatigue) 			
Knows where ERP is located			

B) PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (where applicable)		ONM	N/A
Hard hat			
 CSA – less than 3 years old / ANSI – less than 5 years old 			
 No dents/cracks, modifications 			
 Suspension maintained (4-point min) 			
Hi-Vis			
 Minimum 120 square inches front and back 			
 Not faded, discoloured, torn or permanently dirty 			
 Contrasts with the work environment 			
Leg protection			
Minimum 3600/4100 FPM rating			
 Kevlar not compromised or exposed 			
 Pants maintained and repaired (no loose tears to outer layer) 			

Face/Eye protection			
Face screen free of holes			
 Moves freely between down and raised position 			
 Safety glasses used when appropriate 			
Hand protection			
 Not damaged and free of holes 			
Appropriate to weather conditions			
Sized correctly for hands			
Hearing protection			
Minimum 24 NRR			
Maintained and in working condition			
Footwear			
 Good condition including sole tread pattern 			
Must be laced			
Has fire extinguisher in cab			
Dust mask		[
NIOSH N95 compliant			
PPE inspected and maintained			
PPE used consistently as required			

C) PRE-WORK ACTIVITIES	ОМ	ONM	N/A
Equipment manuals available			
Pre-start equipment checks			
Walk around and check for leaks			
Check for loose components			
 Check for cracks, loose, missing bolts 			
Check for damage to machine			
Obstructions			
Fluid levels			
Water/Coolant			
Hydraulic			
• Engine			
Night switch			
 Check track pads (where applicable) 			
Tire pressure (where applicable)			
Check for tire damage (where applicable)			
 Wheels and wheel nuts (where applicable) 			
Close air reservoir (where applicable)			
Safety equipment check			
Start-up procedures			
 Maintain three-point contact on and off machine 			
Find key			
Check gauges			
Warning systems			
Start and warm up hydraulics			
Check transmission			
Warning lights			
Wipers			
Seatbelt			
Lock out			
Parking brake			
All controls and major systems			
Escape hatch			
Housekeeping			
Radio operational			

D) COMMUNICATION	ОМ	ONM	N/A
Attend pre-work meetings			
Ensures hazards are understood			
Communicates hazards throughout workday			
Uses signals as required			
Consistently communicates work plans			
Professional communication throughout workday			

E) ERGONOMICS		ONM	N/A
Lifts correctly (where applicable)			
Best practice for body position while operating			
Walks safely in the bush (where applicable)			

F) COMPLETE TASKS		ONM	N/A
Shut down procedures			
Safe parking location			
Brake on (where applicable)			
Lower boom/blade/attachments			
 Position for ease of access and egress 			
Level position for fluid checks			
Cool down before shut-down			
Walk around and general check			
Secure/lock machine			
3-point contact on and off			
Turn off night switch			
Close air reservoir access (where applicable)			

Daily maintenance tasks			
•	Lubrication systems		
•	Air intake systems		
•	Air system reservoir		
•	Fuel tank sump		
•	Drain air system/water separator		
•	Drain Fuel filters/water separator		
•	Inspect and clean components		
•	Housekeeping		
•	Track tension (where applicable)		
•	Tire pressure (where applicable)		
•	Greasing		
•	Fueling		
•	Check for leaks		
Basic	repairs		
•	Hydraulic hoses / fittings / O-rings		
•	Fuel / air filter		
•	Engine oil change		
•	Belt tension		
•	Battery terminals		
•	Attachment teeth/buckets (where applicable)		
•	Change lights		
•	Repair wiring		

G) OPERATE HYDRAULIC LOG LOADER		ONM	N/A
Maintains 3-point contact on and off machine			
Ability to use multiple functions while operating equipment			
Monitors equipment performance while operating			

Operator functions on hydraulic log loader			
Move forward			
• Stop			
Back up			
Raise or lower boom			
Extend or retract stick			
 Rotate grapple right or left and open and close 			
 Boom assisted turns (boom down to turn) 			
Smooth operations			
Multiple functions at once			
Use and maintain hydraulic log loader attachments			
 Insert content here (if this section is included) 			
Hydraulic cab riser			
Heel boom			
 Butt 'n' Top 			
Clam or bypass			
Hazard awareness			
Debris build up in machine			
Roll over			
Crush injuries			
Slips trips falls			
Pinch points			
Roll over			
• Jill pokes			
Unstable			
Unsecured runaway			
 Potential for hitchhikers and runaway logs when breaking down deck piles 			
Decked wood			
Build stable piles			
Load within bunk			
Stable			
Balanced Compact			
Compact			

Log trailer		
Hook up		
• Load		
Unload trailer from truck		
Harvest map		
Read to plan days activities		

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