



Native forest practice checklist

This checklist is to be used in conjunction with the *Field guide: code for operating a forest practice*, which is available in hard copy from NRW regional service centres, and from the NRW website at <www.nrw.qld.gov.au>.

If you are operating a forest practice, you can use the checklist to ensure that you are complying with the *Forest Practice Code*, which you can also find on the NRW website.

For details of the code requirements relating to each question, please consult the listed pages of the *Field guide*. Aspects which are good practice but are *not* a code requirement, are provided in light grey shaded text.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Code requirement	Page	Check yes/no
Before you begin			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the Code apply?		
	Will your activity be consistent with a native forest practice?	5	
	Will the proposed operation be consistent with the Code?		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notification		
	Which area or areas are best suited as a forest practice area?		
	Has NRW acknowledged receipt of your notification?	11–13	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Property map of assessable vegetation		
	Do you know which areas are remnant vegetation?	12	
	Planning		
	Will forestry fit in with long-term property management needs?		
	Have you made an inventory of your forest, and sought advice?		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Forest management regime		
	Important: Will the management regime enable the area to return to remnant status within 20 years?	19–30	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Buffer and other zones		
	Watercourse zones		
	Have you identified streams and stream orders on a 1:250 000 map?	35	
	Have you identified drainage lines in the field?	43	
	Have you identified buffer and filter zones on streams and drainage lines, and provided additional buffer width where there is instability?	36–46	
	Wetlands, lakes and springs		
	Have you identified all wetlands, lakes and springs and their buffer and filter zones?	47–50	
	Acid sulfate areas		

	Have you excluded or properly treated all acid sulfate soils?	60	
	Steep or unstable areas		
	Have you identified all unstable areas or those steeper than 25 degrees?	61–2	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trees to be retained for wildlife		
	Important: If you are clearing in South-East Queensland, have you consulted the EPA's Koala Plan?	59	
	Large trees around water features		
	Have you retained trees with a diameter of more than 60 cm at breast height (DBH) within 30 m of a wetland?	51	
	Habitat trees		
	Have you checked the requirements for retaining habitat trees?	53	
	Have you selected all required habitat and recruitment trees?	54–7	
	Feed, nest and shelter trees		
	Have you identified feed, nest and shelter trees in the area?	57–9	
	During forest practice operations		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brief operators		
	Have you briefed everyone involved in the forest practice?	66	
	Have you advised operators of field-marking requirements?	66	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Operational timing		
	Will operations stop when the soil is saturated?	67	
	Will operations be timed to avoid major rainfall events?	67	
	Will operations be organised to work progressively through an area?	67	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Operational access		
	Will roads, tracks, snig tracks and landings occupy less than 20% of the area?	68	
	Will roads be excluded from streams, unstable drainage lines, wetlands, lakes, springs, and buffer zones?	69	
	Will existing roads in buffers be managed to avoid land degradation?	69	
	Will use of existing roads in steep or unstable areas avoid land degradation and be drained as per the Code?	69	
	Will new roads in steep or unstable areas conform to the Code?	69	
	Will new crossings be more than 200 m from other crossings?	70	
	Will new crossings avoid unstable sections of streams and drainage lines?	70	
	Will a basic level of drainage be provided during operations?	74	
	Will drainage comply with the Code once operations cease?	70–6	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Harvesting operations		
	Will harvesting be only for timber and value-added products?	77	
	Will the level of disturbance caused by harvesting be acceptable?	79	
	Will roads, tracks, snig tracks and landings occupy less than 20% of the area?	80	
	Will snig tracks and landings be excluded from streams, unstable drainage lines,	80	

	wetlands, lakes and springs?		
	Will use of existing snig tracks and landings in steep/unstable areas avoid land degradation?	80-1	
	Will new snig tracks in steep or unstable areas conform to the Code?	80-2	
	Will the use of existing crossings avoid land degradation?	82	
	Will new crossings avoid unstable streams/drainage lines and be more than 200 m from any other crossing?	82	
	Will harvesting practices ensure that trees are not felled into watercourses and buffers, and that no debris is left within two metres of a habitat tree?	82-3	
	Will snigging be excluded from streams, unstable drainage lines, wetlands, lakes, springs, and buffer zones?	85	
	Will debris be managed in accord with the Code?	86-7	
	Will a basic level of drainage be provided during operations?	87-9	
	Will full drainage be installed on completion of operations?	87-9	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Silvicultural treatment		
	Will silvicultural treatment comply with Code requirements?	91-92	
	Will silvicultural treatment involve an acceptable level of disturbance?	92	
	Will soil disturbance for regeneration comply with the Code?	94	
	Will silvicultural thinning comply with Code requirements?	94-96	
	Will burning comply with Code requirements?	98	
	Will debris be kept 2 m away from any habitat, feed or nest tree?	97	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Supervise operations		
	Will operations be supervised?	67	
	Progressively stabilise the area		
	Will areas be progressively worked and stabilised?	99	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Keep necessary records		
	Will necessary records be retained?	99	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Monitor results		
	Will the forest practice area be periodically monitored?	100	

Recordkeeping

Keep records of the following:

- Operations started

- Operations completed

- Contractors involved

- Copy of contract
- Copy of harvesting map
- Important dates, meetings and notes