Aerial Cutting of Trees with a Chainsaw Using Free-fall Techniques

At a glance…

Training (Only)

Duration Notes:	3 days
Prerequisites:	Learners are required to attend the course with; LOLER compliant tree climbing equipment, personal first aid kit attached to harness, PPE, sufficient fuel and oil for intended operation, top or rear handled chainsaw with guide bar appropriate to timber size, and appropriate chainsaw maintenance tools. It is recommended the learner holds current Emergency First Aid at Work certification. NB: Instructors have been instructed not to undertake training where learner's protective equipment does not meet appropriate requirements

Introduction

This course provides the knowledge and skills required for learner to be assessed for the regulated qualification, Level 3 Award in Aerial Cutting of Trees with a Chainsaw Using Free-Fall Techniques (QCF)



Overview in brief

Remember, there can be no substitute for careful handling and adopting the safe operating techniques that are described in the workbook.

This course is not an alternative to achieving the qualification in this area. Professional Users must achieve the Level 3 Award in Aerial Cutting of Trees with a Chainsaw Using Free-fall Techniques.

Who should attend?

This course is suitable for you if you are working in any of the following industries: Arboriculture Forestry Woodland industries Local authorities Conservation.

This course is intended for those who are already experienced in climbing trees using work positioning systems and who are experienced in chainsaw use, including felling small trees up to 380mm.

You must be physically fit and not suffering from vertigo or similar conditions or on medication that could affect their safety.

You need to be aware there may be pre-requisite training and/or assessment required before undertaking this training course.

Learners should seek advice from their Lantra Awards training provider. Chainsaw users should be particularly aware of the potential hazards of being cut by the saw, hit by the timber and exposure to noise and vibration.

A top or rear handled chainsaw with guide bar appropriate to timber size should be used.

This course is not appropriate for persons under 16 years of age.

What will be covered?

By the end of the course you will be able to:

- Understand the legislation and safety guidelines pertaining to the use of a chainsaw from a rope and harness
- Understand the safety considerations to be observed in organising a worksite
- Carry out pre-start checks to the chainsaw, cold and hot starting techniques

- Demonstrate techniques for hauling chainsaws into the tree and attaching them appropriately to the harness
- Use appropriate techniques for establishing secure and comfortable work positions
- Demonstrate the appropriate use of various step and sink cuts and correct final pruning cuts
- Use top-handled and lightweight rear handled chainsaws in a safe and efficient manner to remove light and medium weight branches
- Understand and fulfill the duties and responsibilities of a competent grounds person
- Deal with arisings appropriately.