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# **AHCARB302 Inspect trees for access and work**

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### Modification History

Release	TP Version	Comment
1	AHCv1.0	Initial release

### Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to inspect a tree from the ground for the selection of access and tree work methods.

This unit applies to individuals who have a range of skills to select and apply a specialised range of methods, tools, materials and information to complete routine activities and provide and transmit solutions to predictable and sometimes unpredictable problems. Discretion and judgement is required. The work requires the application of extensive arboricultural knowledge. Work is implemented with low risk work procedures and to comply with Safe Work Method Statement documentation.

Licensing, legislative, regulatory, or certification requirements apply to this unit in some states & territories at the time of publication, and may differ according to jurisdiction. Specific determination should be sought through the relevant State or Territory. Works involving this unit of competency may be subject to local tree protection and preservation laws, and the relevant content of applicable Australian Standards.

### Pre-requisite Unit

AHCARB313 Identify trees

### Unit Sector

Arboriculture (ARB)

### Elements and Performance Criteria

Element	Performance criteria
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Prepare tree inspection requirements	1.1 Prepare forms for recording inspection 1.2 Determine the scope of tree works required in consultation with client and in accordance with stakeholder needs and local

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	<p>regulations</p> <p>1.3 Determine location of above-and-below-ground services</p> <p>1.4 Undertake a site-specific risk assessment by identifying work health and safety hazards and assessing risk</p> <p>1.5 Confirm first aid and emergency personnel, equipment and procedures</p> <p>1.6 Select, prepare, and carry out pre-operational and safety checks, on tools, equipment and machinery</p> <p>1.7 Select and use personal protective equipment</p> <p>1.8 Record and implement work health, safety, site, environmental and traffic control measures</p>
2. Inspect tree	<p>2.1 Record tree type, location and dimensions</p> <p>2.2 Inspect tree for tree access and tree work methods</p> <p>2.3 Inspect branches for health, vitality and integrity of attachment</p> <p>2.4 Inspect tree structure for defects, signs and symptoms of disease, insects and other fauna</p>
3. Determine method of access and work method	<p>3.1 Record findings on hazard identification form</p> <p>3.2 Undertake load testing, probe cavities and test hollows by sounding if required</p> <p>3.3 Record result when tree condition requires modified tree access or work method</p> <p>3.4 Select appropriate method of access and tree work method</p> <p>3.5 Assess risk of selected method of access and tree work method</p> <p>3.6 Conduct meeting to communicate and confirm selected method of access and tree work method</p> <p>3.7 Record work site confirmation of method of access, work method and appropriate risk controls</p>
4. Record result and advise client	<p>4.1 Record result when tree access or tree work method is inappropriate</p> <p>4.2 Advise client and stakeholders of requirements for further advice or testing</p> <p>4.3 Seek further advice from consulting arborist or access specialist</p> <p>4.4 Complete inspection form and submit to client and stakeholders</p>

## Foundation Skills

Foundation Skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

## **Range of Conditions**

## **Unit Mapping Information**

This unit is not equivalent to AHCARB302A Conduct tree inspections.

## **Links**

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>