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AHCARB315 Inspect trees for access and work

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 5.0.

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, and advise client of outcome.

The unit applies to individuals who work in arboriculture under broad direction and take responsibility for their own work. They use discretion and judgement in the selection, allocation and use of available resources and for solving problems.

The arboriculture industry requires that all tree inspection work is undertaken according to preferred industry practices (as outlined in the Companion Volume).

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Arboriculture (ARB)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Prepare tree inspection requirements	1.1 Confirm access to site and location of tree 1.2 Determine the scope of tree works required in consultation with client 1.3 Undertake a site-specific job safety analysis and record and implement site-specific control measures according to workplace

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	safety procedures 1.4 Identify above and below ground services and determine limits of approach 1.5 Confirm accessibility of first aid and emergency personnel, equipment and procedures 1.6 Select, check and use personal protective equipment
2. Inspect tree and surrounds	2.1 Inspect tree for access and tree work methods 2.2 Identify tree species and assess impact of tree characteristics on selection of access and work method 2.3 Conduct a hazard evaluation of the tree and surrounds 2.4 Conduct tests on tree components to determine integrity when visual inspection is insufficient 2.5 Identify and assess presence of fauna habitat and other ecological impediments to tree access
3. Determine method of access and work method	3.1 Select tree access and tree work methods according to tree inspection results 3.2 Review workplace health and safety hazards, risk assessment and planned controls for selected method of access and tree work method 3.3 Implement additional control measures and adjust tree access and work methods according to site requirements 3.4 Advise site work team of identified hazards and control measures to implement
4. Maintain records and advise stakeholders	4.1 Document control measures, tree access and work method according to workplace procedures 4.2 Advise stakeholders where tree work is altered or rescheduled according to workplace procedures

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Writing	• Use clear language and correct concepts and terminology to ensure clarity of meaning when reporting and recording work outcomes
Oral communication	• Use open and closed questions logically to clarify work instructions • Use industry terminology to communicate with team members • Accurately interpret verbal and nonverbal communication

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCARB315 Inspect trees for access and work	AHCARB302 Inspect trees for access and work	Prerequisite unit removed Performance criteria clarified Foundation skills added Assessment requirements updated	Equivalent

Links

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