



Australian Government

AHCARB406 Verify pruning specifications

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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 verify specifications for pruning against tree conditions and national industry standards.

The unit applies to individuals who work in arboriculture and apply specialist skills to provide solutions to technical and unpredictable problems. They work autonomously, instruct and monitor the work of others within a team. They use discretion and judgment in the selection, allocation and use of available resources.

Legislation, regulations and by-laws relating to the treatment and removal of trees apply in some states and territories.

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. Locate and verify tree and site characteristics	1.1 Confirm trees to be pruned and desired outcomes for pruning works according to client brief and arborist specifications 1.2 Undertake a site-specific job safety analysis (JSA) and record and implement control measures according to workplace safety procedures 1.3 Confirm identified tree species and location according to workplace and botanical standards 1.4 Determine dimensions of tree and record characteristics according

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	to workplace requirements
2. Inspect tree and determine pruning specifications	2.1 Inspect and assess condition and growing environment for trees identified in client brief and specifications 2.2 Determine planned pruning operations required for canopy modification or canopy maintenance according to industry standards 2.3 Determine tree care requirements to compensate for planned pruning operations 2.4 Identify and select biosecurity procedures for planned pruning operations
3. Confirm and validate pruning operations	3.1 Review client brief and arborist specifications against tree inspections and planned pruning operations 3.2 Confirm pruning operations comply with client brief and arborist specifications 3.3 Verify planned pruning operations for compliance with industry standards
4. Confirm pruning works with client and work team	4.1 Document planned pruning operations according to workplace procedures 4.2 Confirm and clarify pruning operations plan with client and arborist 4.3 Prepare specifications and contract for pruning works and submit to client for approval according to workplace procedures and industry standards 4.4 Provide specification of pruning operations to work crew for implementation
5. Maintain records of pruning works	5.1 Assess pruning works performed against pruning specifications 5.2 Implement remedial action where anomalies are identified 5.3 Review works with work crew and document improvements for future works 5.4 Record results of completed works and report to client 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
Reading	Interpret complex documents, plans and specifications to extract critical information to compare pruning requirements against work performed
Writing	Create, edit and proofread contracts, specifications and records, ensuring clarity of meaning, accuracy and consistency of information

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCARB406 Verify pruning specifications	AHCARB401 Verify pruning specifications	Elements and performance criteria clarified Foundation skills added Assessment requirements updated	Equivalent

Links

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