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AHCPCM304 Report on health and condition of trees

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Application

This unit of competency covers the skills and knowledge required to report on general tree health and condition. It applies to the evaluation of trees for the purpose of work proposed in a local government area including parks and gardens, building and construction sites, public and private environments, and schools.

It applies to individuals who take responsibility for their own work and for the quality of the work of others. They use discretion and judgement in the selection, allocation and use of available resources. All work is carried out to comply with workplace procedures.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil.

Unit Sector

Plant culture and management (PCM)

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 Determine scope of work 1.2 Identify and prepare tools and equipment for inspection 1.3 Document and implement traffic management requirements where required
2. Inspect the tree	2.1 Determine the type, location and condition of tree 2.2 Inspect tree for obvious signs of structural damage, defects, pests, diseases and fauna

Element	Performance criteria
	2.3 Identify and record tree condition on the inspection form
3. Record findings and advise client	3.1 Record tree location and site details 3.2 Recommend follow up treatments or further inspection from a consulting arborist 3.3 Complete report on tree health and condition and advise client-stakeholder

Foundation Skills

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

Range of Conditions

Unit Mapping Information

New unit - No equivalent.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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

Assessment Requirements for AHCPM304 Report on health and condition of trees

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Performance Evidence

The candidate must be assessed on their ability to integrate and apply the performance requirements of this unit in a workplace setting. Performance must be demonstrated consistently over time and in a suitable range of contexts.

The candidate must provide evidence that they can:

- prepare materials and implement traffic management requirements for tree inspection
- document and implement traffic management requirements where required
- recognise a range of tree species and cultivars common to the region
- identify and report on the general health and condition of trees
- identify obvious potential structural defects, damage, pests and and/or diseases
- recommend treatments for pest and disease problems
- recognise potential structural or other defects that require inspection by an arborist
- record findings and inform client

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- principles and practices for inspecting trees
 - AS4373-2007 Pruning of amenity trees
 - botany and tree physiology
 - local government tree protection and preservation regulations
 - methods of determining tree dimensions
 - methods of low risk work
 - recognition of a wide range of trees common to the region
 - relevant Code of Practice
 - signs of structural defects, decay, damage and stress in trees

Assessment Conditions

Assessors must satisfy current standards for RTOs.

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