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AHCPGD203 Prune shrubs and small trees

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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to prune shrubs and small trees that are less than three meters in height while standing on the ground.

It applies to individuals who work under general supervision and exercise limited autonomy with some accountability for their own work. They undertake defined activities and work in a structured context.

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

Parks and gardens (PGD)

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. Identify pruning requirements	1.1 Identify work health and safety hazards and report to the supervisor 1.2 Select and use personal protective equipment (PPE) and ensure correct fit 1.3 Select appropriate pruning tools and equipment for the location, access and size of material to be pruned 1.4 Identify plants that require pruning and confirm with supervisor 1.5 Confirm with the supervisor pruning method to be used
2. Undertake pruning of	2.1 Carry out pre-operational and safety checks on pruning tools and

Element	Performance criteria
shrubs and small trees	equipment 2.2 Operate machinery, equipment and tools as required 2.3 Carry out pruning as directed 2.4 Use correct manual handling techniques when lifting or moving heavy loads 2.5 Record and report work outcomes to the supervisor

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 equivalent to AHCPGD203A Prune shrubs and small trees.

Links

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Assessment Requirements for AHCPGD203 Prune shrubs and small 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.

The candidate must provide evidence that they can:

- identify pruning requirements
- identify and report site and tree hazards
- recognise plants, shrubs and trees
- prune shrubs and small trees
- use appropriate tools, equipment and safety equipment
- minimise environmental disturbance

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- principles and practices of pruning
- basic botany and physiology as they apply to pruning
- correct and safe use and care of tools and equipment
- effects of pruning on plant growth and habit
- plant health principles
- plant names and growth habits
- use of hygienic practices
- AS4373-2007 Pruning of amenity trees

Assessment Conditions

Assessors must satisfy current standards for RTOs.

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