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AHCPGD209 Prune shrubs and small trees

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Modification History

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Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 7.0.

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, including identifying pruning requirements, undertaking pruning and completing pruning work.

The unit applies to individuals who prune shrubs and small trees under general supervision with limited autonomy or accountability.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Parks and Gardens (PGD)

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. Identify pruning requirements	1.1 Confirm plants that require pruning and pruning method with supervisor 1.2 Identify workplace health and safety hazards, assess risks and report to supervisor 1.3 Check and confirm proximity of powerlines and obstacles with supervisor 1.4 Select, prepare and use pruning tools and equipment appropriate

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	for the location, access and size of material to be pruned 1.5 Select, fit and use personal protective equipment (PPE) applicable to the task 1.6 Carry out pre-operational and safety checks on pruning tools and equipment
2. Undertake pruning of shrubs and small trees	2.1 Operate machinery, equipment and tools as directed 2.2 Carry out pruning as directed 2.3 Use correct manual handling techniques when lifting or moving heavy loads
3. Complete work	3.1 Remove and dispose of or recycle rubbish and plant waste material 3.2 Clean, maintain and store tools and equipment 3.3 Report work outcomes and malfunctions, faults, wear or damage of tools to supervisor

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
Oral Communication	- Use clear language to report malfunctions, faults, wear or damage to tools - Participate in verbal exchanges to respond to questions and clarify information

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCPGD209 Prune shrubs and small trees	AHCPGD203 Prune shrubs and small trees	Minor changes to application	Not equivalent

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		Major changes to performance criteria Foundation skills added Assessment requirements updated	

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Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has pruned at least three different shrubs and small trees using the following:

- secateurs
- loppers or extension loppers
- shears
- pruning or pole saws

and has:

- identified plant pruning requirements
- applied workplace health and safety requirements, including fitted and used personal protective equipment (PPE)
- prepared, used and maintained shrubs and small trees pruning tools and equipment
- cleaned up the site and disposed of or recycled waste
- reported tree and shrub planting operations and unserviceable tools and equipment.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- principles and practices of pruning, including:
 - basic botany and physiology applicable to pruning shrubs and small trees
 - correct and safe use and care of tools and equipment
 - effects of pruning on plant growth and habit
 - plant health principles applicable to pruning shrubs and small trees
 - plant names and growth habits
 - AS4373-2007 Pruning of amenity trees

- workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for pruning shrubs and small trees, including appropriate use of PPE.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - materials, tools and equipment applicable to pruning shrubs and small trees
 - shrubs and small trees
 - PPE applicable to pruning shrubs and small trees
- specifications:
 - workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace and pruning shrubs and small trees
 - AS4373-2007 Pruning of amenity trees
- relationships:
 - supervisor
- timeframes:
 - according to job requirements.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

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