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AHCPGD303 Perform specialist amenity pruning

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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to perform specialist amenity pruning using specialist pruning techniques.

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

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. Prepare for specialist amenity pruning	1.1 Inspect plants and determine pruning strategy according to the plants' characteristics or desired outcome 1.2 Identify common diseases, pests and nutrition deficiencies in trees 1.3 Identify work health and safety hazards, assess risks and implement suitable controls 1.4 Select and prepare pruning tools and equipment required by the pruning program 1.5 Consult references where required to determine best pruning strategies for special plants

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2. Undertake specialist pruning	2.1 Undertake pruning using established and specialist pruning techniques 2.2 Adhere to site environmental procedures 2.3 Assess pruned plants to determine if pruning requirements have been met 2.4 Carry out remedial work where required
3. Complete work	3.1 Dispose of or recycle waste material from the site to minimise damage to the environment 3.2 Clean, maintain and store tools, equipment and machinery 3.3 Clean and clear site 3.4 Record completed pruning and report to supervisor or the client

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 AHCPGD303A Perform specialist amenity pruning.

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 AHCPGD303 Perform specialist amenity pruning

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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:

- prepare for pruning
- sharpen and maintain tools required for pruning
- meet pruning program requirements
- carry out pruning using specialist pruning techniques
- store and carry tools safely
- assess pruning quality
- clean and clear pruning site
- record and report completed pruning to supervisor or client

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- principles and practices of specialist pruning
 - anatomy and physiology of plants, shrubs and trees
 - AS4373-2007 Pruning of amenity trees
 - compartmentalisation of decay in trees (CODIT)
 - effect on plant growth and habit after pruning
 - identification of plant species and their pruning requirements
 - local government tree protection and preservation regulations
 - principles and methods of specialist pruning to achieve given objectives
 - specialist tools and equipment

Assessment Conditions

Assessors must satisfy current standards for RTOs.

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