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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.

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 performed specialist amenity pruning on at least three different plants including at least one tree using at least three of the following:

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

and has:

- identified and inspected plants
- applied workplace health and safety requirements, including fitted and used personal protective equipment (PPE)
- selected, used and maintained tools, equipment and machinery required for specialist amenity pruning
- stored and carried tools safely
- carried out pruning using specialist pruning techniques
- applied site environmental and disease control procedures
- met pruning program requirements
- assessed pruning quality
- cleaned and cleared pruning site
- reported unserviceable tools, equipment and machinery
- reported work outcomes.

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 specialist amenity pruning, including:
 - 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
 - types of plants and their pruning requirements, including; climbing plants, fruiting plants, standard plants
 - methods of specialist pruning, including; espalier, topiary, hedging, pleaching, crown lifting, pollarding, thinning out and sucker control
 - specialist pruning tools, equipment and machinery
- workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for performing specialist amenity pruning, including appropriate use of PPE
- site environmental and disease control procedures applicable to performing specialist amenity pruning.

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 represent workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - workplace procedures applicable to performing specialist amenity pruning
 - tools, equipment and machinery applicable to performing specialist amenity pruning
 - three different plant types including at least one tree
 - PPE applicable to performing specialist amenity pruning
- specifications:
 - workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for performing specialist amenity pruning
 - site environmental and disease control procedures applicable to performing specialist amenity pruning
 - AS4373-2007 Pruning of amenity trees
- 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.

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -

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