



HEDGETRIMMER SAFETY TRAINING

(Operate Hedgetrimmer and Associated Tools and Equipment)

Training and assessments conducted by **Peter Tutt**, holder of Certificate IV Training and Assessment (TAE40116) for assessment to safely use powered hedge trimmer to manufacturers recommendation and WA OHS Acts (1984 and 2020)

Purpose

This course covers the process of operating and maintaining hedgetrimmers and defines the standard required to: carry out pre-operational checks and maintenance; tag and report defects if necessary; secure attachments according to manufacturer's directions; operate machinery in a safe and controlled manner; implement shut-down and storage procedures; record maintenance and operation details.

Recognition of Training

A Certificate of Competency and /or Verification of Competency (VOC) will be issued to applicants who meet the assessment criteria required for this competency. This may require supplementary evidence in the form of a report from a suitable supervisor, or further assessment.

Provide participants with:

The knowledge and skill to operate a hedgetrimmer safely perform maintenance tasks correctly and apply recommended cutting techniques as per manufacturers' recommendations.

Location

Courses will where practicable be conducted on client's premises. Sufficient hedge or similar will be needed for each operator to demonstrate competence in use of the equipment. If sufficient material or venue is not available, a venue and practical activity site may be organised at additional cost.

Duration

- ½ day for most participants
- More time may be needed for novice operators with little or no prior hedge trimmer experience.

Course Fees Per Participant-

The courses will be run in groups of 6 to 10 participants at a cost of:

\$275.00 (GST Free) per head:



Content Summary

- Personal protective equipment
- Identify, assess and manage hazards
- Identify maintenance needs
- Daily maintenance
- Identify damage to cutting attachment
- Lubricate cutting attachments
- Safe handling
- Hedge trimming techniques
- Practical application and skills development

Assessment

Supervised written and/or verbal and practical assessment.

Equipment

Participants will need to wear their own protective boots and hi-vis shirt. All other required equipment and training notes are provided for participant's use.

In order to increase training relevance and operator comfort, trainees are encouraged to use any or all their own equipment if practicable.

This includes:

- Hedgetrimmer, tools, fuel and oil and associated tools and equipment
- Safety equipment
 - Approved eye protection
 - Hearing protection (ear plugs or ear muffs)
 - Safety boots
 - Cut resistant trousers or chaps (where required)
 - Work gloves (recommended)
 - High visibility clothing (if applicable)
 - Sunscreen

Demonstration of Competence:

From experience, we find that people have different levels of ability and experience when it comes to handling machinery.

If a person, due to a lack of experience, requires more time to develop their skills, more time for practical application may be needed to increase their skills up to a competent level.

Personal Requirements:

Depending on season food and drinking water may also be needed.