



OPERATE A POLE SAW

(Operate a Pole Saw)

Training Delivery and Purpose:

Training and assessments conducted by **Peter Tutt**, holder of Certificate IV Training and Assessment (TAE40116) for assessment to provide participants with the knowledge and skill to operate a pole saw safely perform maintenance tasks correctly and correct pruning procedures and practices to minimize the adverse or negative effects of pruning on shrubs and small trees as per:

- **Australian Standard: AS 4373 - 2007 Pruning Amenity Trees**
- **Australian Standard: AS2727-1997 Chainsaws - Guide to safe working practices**
- **SafeWork Australia (2016) Guide for Managing Risks in Tree Trimming and Removal Works.**
- **Arboriculture Australia Minimum Industry Standards: MIS315 (2020) Chainsaw Operation and Tree Falling**

Recognition of Training

A Certificate of Competency to Operate a pole saw as per **AS 2727 – 1997 Chainsaws – Guide for safe working practices & AS 4373 - 2007 Pruning Amenity Trees** will be issued to applicants who meet the criteria required for the course assessment. This may require supplementary evidence in the form of a report from a suitable supervisor, or further assessment.

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Location

Courses will where practicable be conducted on client's premises or at our local venue. Sufficient trees will be needed for each operator to demonstrate safe and efficient use of a pole saw. If sufficient wood or venue is not available, a venue and practical activity site may be organised at additional cost.

Duration

- 1 day for most participants. (1/2 day of participants already hold chainsaw competency)
- More time may be needed for novice operators with little or no prior polesaw or pruning 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:

Country Clients

Travel and accommodation costs will need to be added where applicable.

Content Summary

- Personal protective equipment
- Identify, assess and manage hazards
- Pole saw maintenance
- Tree Biology (CODIT)
- Plant assessment
- Consequences of poor pruning
- Pruning tool selection
- How to prune correctly
- Tool hygiene and maintenance and sharpening (where applicable)
- Safe handling of tools
- Practical application and skills development

Assessment

Supervised written and/or verbal and practical assessment.

Equipment

Participants will need to wear their own protective boots, gloves and hi-vis clothing (depending on location). 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:

- Secateurs, Loppers, Hand Saws, Pole saw, tools, fuel and oil
- Safety equipment
 - Hard hat
 - Approved eye protection
 - Hearing protection (ear plugs or ear muffs)
 - Safety boots and over-socks (recommended)
 - Cut resistant trousers or chaps (Where Applicable)
 - Work gloves (optional)
 - High visibility clothing (Where applicable)
 - Sun Screen

If you are not able to provide this equipment we can ensure we have enough for all participants at no additional cost.

Demonstration of Competence:

From experience, we find that people have different levels of ability and experience when it comes to handling chainsaws. Some participants, may require more time to develop their skills to a competent level.

Personal Requirements:

Depending on location of the training, and availability of take away food outlets, it is advisable for trainees to bring a packed lunch and plenty of drinking water to each training day.