

HOW TO PRUNE SHRUBS AND TREES

(How to safely & effectively prune shrubs and trees)

Training Delivery and Purpose:

Training and assessments conducted by Peter Tutt, of **A Plus Training Solutions**, holder of Certificate IV Training and Assessment (TAE40116)

Purpose: To provide participants with the knowledge and skill to safely and effectively assess pruning requirements and use the 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*
- **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 Prune Shrubs and Small Trees as per

Australian Standard: *AS 4373 - 2007 Pruning Amenity Trees*

will be issued to applicants who meet the criteria required from the course assessment.

Location

Courses will where practicable be conducted on client's premises. Sufficient shrubs and trees will be needed for each participant to gain sufficient practice and demonstrate competency in the use of various pruning tools. If sufficient material or venue is not available, a venue and practical activity site may be organised at additional cost.

Duration

- A Plus Training Solutions will recognise the fact if participants have had prior experience pruning shrubs and trees, or other relevant industry experience, and can therefore attend a shorter course. Participants will still need to do the full assessment, but may be precluded from areas of the training where they are already operating within the requirements of the guidelines.
- 6 hours for most participants.
- More time may be needed for novice operators with little or no prior pruning experience.

Course Fees:

The courses will be run at our client's sites in groups of 8 to 15 participants at a cost of:

\$275.00 (GST Free) per head: 6 hour course.

Please contact us for a detailed quote for larger or smaller groups.

Country Clients

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

Content Summary

- Personal protective equipment
- Identify, assess and manage hazards associated with pruning shrubs and trees
- Tree Biology (CODIT)
- Plant assessment
- How to prune correctly
- Consequences of poor pruning
- Pruning tool selection safe handling
- Formative pruning of young trees
- Tool hygiene and maintenance and sharpening (where applicable)
- Practical application and skills development Assessment
- Supervised written and/or verbal and practical assessment.

Assessment

Supervised written and/or verbal and practical assessment.

Equipment

Handouts and training notes are provided for participant's use.

Participants will need to wear their own protective boots, gloves, safety glasses and hi-vis shirt.

Client will need to provide all required pruning equipment.

This includes:

- Secateurs, Lopping shears, Hand Saws, Chainsaws, Pole Pruners, Pole Saws & associates fuels and oil
- Safety equipment
 - Hard hat (Pole Saw and Pole Lopper)
 - Approved eye protection
 - Hearing protection (ear plugs or ear muffs for pole saw)
 - Safety boots
 - Work gloves
 - High visibility clothing (where applicable)
 - Sun Screen (where applicable)

If you are unable to provide all of this equipment please contact us so we can ensure we have enough for all participants.

Demonstration of Competence:

From experience, we find that people have different levels of ability and experience when it comes to handling chainsaws. 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 location of the training, and availability of take away food outlets, it is advisable for trainees to bring all personal requirements including food and drinking water to each training day.