

Modification history

Release	Comments
Release 2	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 7.0.
Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 1.0.

AHCPGD303	Perform specialist amenity pruning
Application	<p>This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to perform specialist amenity pruning, including preparing, undertaking and completing amenity pruning work using specialist pruning techniques.</p> <p>The unit applies to individuals who perform specialist amenity pruning under broad direction, and 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.</p> <p>No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.</p>
Prerequisite Unit	Nil
Unit Sector	Parks and Gardens (PGD)

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Prepare for specialist amenity pruning	<p>1.1 Identify and inspect plants and determine pruning strategy according to the plants' characteristics or desired outcome</p> <p>1.2 Identify common diseases, pests and nutrition deficiencies in trees</p> <p>1.3 Identify potential work health and safety hazards, and assess risks, and implement suitable controls safe working practices to manage risks</p> <p>1.4 Select and prepare pruning tools, and equipment and machinery required to perform specialist pruning by the and check for safe operation</p> <p>1.5 Select, fit, use and maintain personal protective equipment (PPE) applicable to the task</p> <p>1.6 Consult references where required to determine best pruning strategies for special plants</p>
2. Undertake specialist pruning	<p>2.1 Undertake pruning using established and specialist pruning techniques</p> <p>2.2 Adhere to site environmental procedures</p> <p>2.3 Assess pruned plants to determine if pruning requirements have been met</p> <p>2.4 Carry out remedial work where required</p>
3. Complete work	<p>3.1 Dispose of or recycle waste material from the site to minimise damage to the environment</p> <p>3.2 Clean, maintain and store tools, equipment and machinery</p> <p>3.3 Identify and report unserviceable tools, equipment and machinery according to workplace procedures</p> <p>3.4 Clean and clear pruning site</p> <p>3.5 Record completed specialist amenity pruning activities and report to supervisor or the client</p>

Foundation Skills	
<i>This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.</i>	
Skill	Description
Oral communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use clear language to report tool, equipment and machinery unserviceability

Unit Mapping Information			
Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCPGD303 Perform specialist amenity pruning Release 2	AHCPGD303A Perform specialist amenity pruning Release 1	Minor changes to application Minor changes to performance criteria Foundation skills added Assessment requirements updated	Equivalent

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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 ~~can~~has performed specialist amenity pruning on at least two occasions and has:

- applied workplace health and safety requirements
- selected, used and maintained tools, equipment and machinery required for specialist amenity pruning
- identified and inspected plants~~prepare for pruning~~
- ~~sharpen and maintain tools required for pruning~~
- meet pruning program requirements
- carried out pruning using specialist pruning techniques
- applied site environmental procedures
- stored and carried tools safely
- assessed pruning quality
- cleaned and cleared pruning site
- reported unserviceable tools, equipment and machinery
- recorded and reported ~~completed pruning to supervisor or client~~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:

- workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for performing specialist amenity pruning, including appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- 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
 - principles and methods of specialist pruning to achieve given objectives
- specialist tools and equipment
- site environmental 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
 - 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 procedures applicable to performing specialist amenity pruning
- 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.

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