

ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES

Unit 2768

Prune young amenity trees and shrubs

Level 3, Credit 4, version 5

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Level of performance required for this unit standard

This is a level 3 unit standard. At this level trainees are expected to demonstrate the following abilities when completing assessment tasks:

- To work under general supervision, with some independence; with significant responsibility for the standard of the outcome achieved.
- To apply technical skills and knowledge to complete the task to the specified standard, in a familiar context.
- To interpret available information, and use discretion and judgment.

Workplace assessment:

For guidelines on Workplace Assessment, please refer to the NZHITO Workplace Assessors Manual, and for further information, please contact: NZHITO, PO Box 8638, Christchurch. Ph 03 9644 735, fax 03 9644 737, website www.hortito.org.nz

Special notes:

1. The *Codes of Practice* are Code of Practice for Safety and Health in Tree Work, Part One: Arboriculture; Part Two: Maintenance of trees around power lines; Approved Code of Practice for power- operated elevating work platforms; and guide for Safety in Underground Services; and are available from regional offices of the Department of Labour, Occupational Safety and Health Service.
2. The *Standards* are British Standard for Treeworks: BS 3998: 1989 and amendment 6549: 1990- available from Standards New Zealand, Private Bag 2439, Wellington; and American National Standard for Tree Care Operations- Pruning, Trimming, Repairing, Maintaining, and Removing Trees, and Cutting Brush- Safety Requirements – ANSI Z133. 1- 1994 is available from American National Standards Institute, 11 West 42nd Street, New York, New York 10036, or website <http://www.ansi.org>.
3. Legislation relevant to this unit standards includes the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, Health and Safety in Employment Regulations 1995, and their subsequent amendments.
4. A *young* tree or shrub is recently established and may need outside assistance to develop and become fully established.
5. *Workplace procedures* is a written plan detailing how the company will meet the requirements of the Health and Safety legislation.

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