

**INTERMEDIATE BASIC TREE  
FELLING COURSE**  
**CHAINSAWS OPERATE & MAINTAIN  
LEVEL 3**  
**(Fall Trees Manually (Intermediate))**



**Purpose and Application:**

The knowledge and skills to assess, plan and safely carry out manual tree-felling operations using a chainsaw as per AS 2727 - 1997. This course covers the felling procedures for sound trees that may require significant tree assessment and practical felling skills. Techniques for trees with a diameter greater than the bar length (up to 80cm trunk diameter and up to 40 metres tall) would generally be regarded as within the scope of this unit.

**Training Delivery** Training and assessments conducted by **Peter Tutt**, (Chainsaw specialist and qualified advance level tree faller with over 35 years of chainsaw direct industry technical, felling and training experience) to provide participants with the knowledge and skill to safely and effectively assess, plan, prepare and fell intermediate level trees as per:

- **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 **Chainsaw Operate and Maintain - LEVEL 3 – Intermediate Tree Felling** as per: *AS 2727-1997 “Chainsaws – Guide to Safe Working Practices”* will be issued to applicants who meet the criteria required from the course assessment.

This may require supplementary evidence in the form of a report from a suitable supervisor, or further assessment.

**Location**

Preferably on client's premises. A suitable area with trees for falling will need to be provided. If you do not have access to a suitable area, we will endeavour to provide a venue and practical activity site but additional cost may apply.

**Duration:** 2 x days for most participants.

**Note:** Time may be reduced to one day for participants with extensive prior tree felling experience

**Course Fees:**

**\$350.00 (GST Free) per person / per day:** (groups of 4 to 6 participants)

Individuals or smaller groups should contact us, as we may be able to fit you into a larger group. Otherwise fees will be negotiated.

## Country Clients

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

## Underpinning Knowledge

Before commencing the course, the applicant must be competent at operating and maintaining a chainsaw in accordance with AS 2727-1997 "Chainsaws – Guide to Safe Working Practices", and have completed our *Chainsaw Operate and Maintain - LEVEL 1 and LEVEL 2* courses to ensure underpinning skills and knowledge are demonstrated.

## 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:

- Chainsaw, tools, wedges, 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
  - Work gloves (optional)
  - High visibility clothing for forest if applicable
  - Sun Screen

## 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.