



BASIC TREE FELLING COURSE

CHAINSAWS OPERATE & MAINTAIN LEVEL 2

(Fall Trees Manually (Basic))

Purpose and Application:

This course covers knowledge and skills required to assess, plan and safely carry out manual tree-felling operations using a chainsaw. It is an introductory or base-level course that covers the felling procedures for relatively small trees (up to 50cm trunk diameter and up to 20 metres tall) with a low level of complexity. Techniques for trees with a diameter greater than the bar length, while not excluded, would generally be regarded as techniques beyond the scope of this unit.

This course covers tree felling in a variety of work settings, which may include a forest, agricultural, domestic, local council, and emergency services and other government agency environment. These skills and knowledge are to be used within the scope of the person's job and authority.

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

Recognition of Training

A Certificate of Competency to ***Chainsaw Operate and Maintain - LEVEL 2 – Basic Tree Felling*** as per: ***AS 2727-1997 “Chainsaws – Guide to Safe Working Practices”*** 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.

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: **1 x day** for most participants.

Note: Additional time may be needed for participants with little or no prior felling experience.

Course Fees:

\$350.00 (GST Free) per head: 1 day course. (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* course 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
 - Sunscreen

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 felling 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 a packed lunch and plenty of drinking water to each training day.