



Chainsaw Maintenance and Cross-Cutting Timber using a Chainsaw

At a glance...

Training (with Assessment) Competence with Modules

Duration Notes: 2 days

The expected duration for the course is 2 days, which is equivalent to 7 hours per day, with 6.5 hours contact time. Please note this may vary according to factors such as level of experience, modules or attachments selected, or the ratio of Instructors to Learners.

Delivery Method: Theory/practical

Prerequisites: It is the responsibility of the Provider to ensure that Learner profiling has been carried out, this can either be by them or the Learner's employer.

Integrated Training and Assessment Courses were developed to meet the specific needs of the **agricultural industry** as laid out in:

HSE L22 (2014) *Safe use of Work Equipment*. Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998. Approved Code of Practice and Guidance:



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'For professional chainsaw operators working in forestry and arboriculture the industry recommendation is that for 'high risk' activities the minimum level of adequacy of training is to a certificate of competence or nationally recognised qualification where assessment is carried out independently of the training.'

The HSE INDG317(rev2) 2012 Chainsaws at Work states that:

'Everyone working with chainsaws on or in trees should hold such a certificate or award unless:

it is being done as part of an agricultural operation (eg hedging, clearing fallen branches, pruning trees to maintain clearance for machines)

and

the work is being done by the occupier or their employees

and

they have used a chainsaw before 5 December 1998

All other learners regardless of the industry that they work in will require a relevant certificate of competence or national competence award to comply with the PUWER regulations when using chainsaws for work.' This can be achieved by taking the **Training** plus **Qualification** route.

Introduction

This course is designed to provide Learners with the knowledge, understanding and practical skills required to carry out chainsaw maintenance and cross-cutting timber using a chainsaw.

Overview in brief



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This is a hands-on course that delivers both practical skills and health and safety guidance. We keep the training groups small so that you'll receive plenty of individual attention from our experienced instructors throughout the process. This course will give you the skills to carry out chainsaw maintenance and cross-cutting timber using a chainsaw.

The finer details

Chainsaw Maintenance and Cross-Cutting Timber using a Chainsaw Integrated Training and Assessment has two power source pathways:

Liquid fuel-powered chainsaws

Chainsaw maintenance and cross-cutting timber using a chainsaw (liquid fuel-powered)

Battery-powered chainsaws

Chainsaw maintenance and cross-cutting timber using a chainsaw (battery-powered)

Who should attend?

- This training is not appropriate for Learners under the age of 16.
- It is strongly recommended that operators hold as a minimum a current Emergency First Aid Certificate.
- Learners must be able to read and interpret information provided in English.
- As you'll appreciate, this course contains some practical activity that will require a minimum level of fitness. If you have any concerns, please speak to the Provider.

What will be covered?

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- Introduction
- Chainsaw maintenance and cross-cutting timber safety and the law
- Carrying out a risk assessment
- Maintaining the cutting components of a chainsaw
- Reassembling the chainsaw and final maintenance checks
- Liquid fuel-powered chainsaw maintenance



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and/or

- Battery-powered chainsaw maintenance
- PPE specific to cross-cutting timber using a chainsaw
- Occupational health and safety
- Operator environmental responsibility
- The safety features of a chainsaw
- Types of chainsaws
- Cross-cutting timber using a chainsaw
- Moving and stacking timber and clearance of the worksite
- Fuel and oil for liquid fuel-powered chainsaws
- The starting process for liquid fuel-powered chainsaws
- Post work care of liquid fuel-powered equipment

and/or

- Batteries and oil for battery-powered chainsaws
- The starting process for battery-powered chainsaws
- Post work care of battery-powered equipment
- Conclusion.



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