

Chainsaw - Felling and Processing Trees up to 380mm

Overview

This course aims to allow current and potential chainsaw operators to gain the industry-wide and accepted NPTC accreditation with an independent assessment to confirm safety and competence.

This qualification is about the directional felling of trees using a chainsaw. The felling technique will be appropriate to tree size, weight, condition and species as well as taking into account guide bar size and weather conditions. This covers both coniferous and broadleaved trees, trees that are upright, trees that are weighted towards and that are weighted against a given felling direction.

Course Content

- Current Health & Safety legislation
- Risk assessment and emergency procedures
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Select and prepare tools/equipment required for safe & effective felling
- Fell small trees safely & accurately using an appropriate technique
- Take down small hung up trees safely using appropriate hand tools
- Snedding / De-limbing techniques
- Crosscut stems accurately & safely to a given length & diameter specification
- Stack timber

Course Requirements

You are required to provide your own Tools & Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for this training course.

In order that you carry out the Felling and Processing qualification, you must hold units 201 & 201 Maintenance and Cross Cutting. Approx. 35 trees for training and 8 for assessment. On top of that a minimum of 4 trees would be required for assessment, max 8.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

- Safety helmet (complying with EN 397)
- Eye protection (mesh visor complying with EN 1731 or safety glasses to EN 166)
- Hearing protection (complying with EN 352)
- Gloves* with protective guarding on the back of the left hand (complying with EN 381-7)
- Leg protection* incorporating chain clogging materials (complying with EN 381-5)
- Protective boots* with good grip and protective guarding on the front vamp and instep (complying with EN 345-2)

*These items should carry the chainsaw logo

- We also recommend you dress appropriately for weather conditions.

Tools:

- Chainsaw (maximum guide bar length 15")
- Fuel
- Bio-degradable Oil
- Toolkit
- Suitable winch & attachments
- Personal first aid kit
- Whistle