Felling and Processing Trees over 380mm – LANTRA

Course Aim

The aim of this course is to provide delegates with the knowledge on health, safety and legislative matters pertaining to felling trees, as well as various cutting techniques for dealing with felling trees over 380mm in diameter.

This is a hands-on course that includes both health and safety and practical elements which supply sufficient training to meet the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations.

Who Should Attend?

This course is suitable for delegates who are required to operate chainsaws to fell trees larger than the guide bar length. The course is ideally suited to delegates working in Agriculture, Horticulture, Woodland, Local Authorities, Conservation, Construction and Land-based industries.

Please note that due to the nature of the training a minimum level of fitness will be required for specific operations. Whilst we would not want to disadvantage you as a learner, it is an essential requirement.

Course Duration

This is a 3 day course.

Maximum Delegates

Maximum attendees: 4 delegates.

Agenda

By the end of the course delegates will be able to:

- Identify hazards and risks, and produce a risk assessment for the site
- Agree appropriate emergency plans/ procedures for the worksite
- Organise site safety in compliance with current good practice and relevant health and safety legislation, and state the procedures required
- Assess the trees to be felled for hazards and risks
- Assess the work site for environmental impact
- Fell trees over 380mm/15”
- Assess a leaning tree and the safest method of felling
- Make accurate felling cuts in the correct positions
- De-limb felled trees in a safe and methodical manner
- Cross-cut timber accurately to required lengths
- Assess and explain the terms tension and compression in timber
- Adopt safe procedures to remove a trapped guide bar
- Handle and stack timber in a safe manner
- Assess a hung-up tree and the safest method of takedown
- Select and prepare equipment required for safe and effective takedown
- Check on the safety of takedown tools

Certification

Upon completion of this course, delegates will receive a LANTRA accredited certificate that does not expire. However, it is advised and is business best practice that delegates attend a refresher course every 3 years.

This course is not an alternative to achieving the qualification in this area. Professional Users must achieve the Level 3 Award in Felling and Processing Trees over 380mm.

- Make accurate severing cuts in the correct positions
- Select and use hand tools safely
- Take down hung-up trees to a safe and stable position
- State techniques which must not be used for the takedown of hung-up trees.