

Climber

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Assessment tool

Name of climber		Date	
Location of demonstration			

The following assessment demonstration should be carried out after the climber has been taken through the Climber SOP. The supervisor should tick the 'Yes' box for each action when the climber has confirmed that they are able to carry out that task safely and without prompting.

The supervisor should also confirm that the climber holds the relevant competencies listed in the Climber SOP.

Set-up and pre-start checks

YES

1. Identifies the trees to be climbed with supervisor and discusses the scope of the job
2. Inspects the tree to be climbed and surrounding area for hazards before climbing
3. Notes the location of nearby overhead powerlines and observes all clearance distances
4. Discusses environmental, heritage, conservation, endangered species and landowner issues with supervisor and plans the job accordingly
5. Checks the weather, humidity and other potential hazards that might affect safety
6. Ensures that the exclusion zone has been set up correctly and traffic control is in place
7. Selects appropriate equipment for the job, and carries out pre-operational checks
8. Agrees on a climbing route with observer and discusses techniques to be used
9. Ensures that observer has first aid kit and rescue kit on hand and is ready to proceed

Climbing and pruning

10. Ascends and descends the tree using approved techniques and low-risk anchor points
11. Does not use spikes unless tree is to be removed
12. Chooses the right knots, links and attachments for particular applications
13. Uses sharp pruning tools, and makes accurate cuts in accordance with standards
14. Maintains a stable position in tree while starting chainsaw or manoeuvring cutting tools
15. Holds chainsaw in both hands while cutting, maintaining two points of attachment in tree
16. Rigs large branches using appropriately load rated equipment and suitable techniques
17. Communicates with observer and ground crew continuously, using agreed signals
18. Drops pruned material into designated area and in coordination with ground crew
19. Cleans, inspects, packs up and stores all equipment and PPE properly

Supervisor: The climber has demonstrated their ability to climb trees and carry out aerial tree trimming in accordance with the SOP and SWMS. They are now authorised to do this job unsupervised.					
Name		Signature		Date	