

<b>Title</b>	<b>Carry out groundperson's duties in an arboriculture situation</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>4</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to: secure a site for arboriculture work; support aerial crew members; and carry out general ground duties.
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<b>Classification</b>	Horticulture > Arboriculture
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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## Guidance Information

1 Legislation, standards, and references relevant to this unit standard include but are not limited to:

- Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
- Resource Management Act 1991;
- BS 3998:2010, *Tree work. Recommendations*, available from [www.britishstandard.org.uk](http://www.britishstandard.org.uk);
- ANSI A300, *Standards for Tree Care Operations* (Parts 1 – 7) and their subsequent amendments, available from [www.isa-arbor.com](http://www.isa-arbor.com);
- WorkSafe New Zealand, *Approved Code of Practice Safety and Health in Arboriculture* (2012), available from [www.worksafe.govt.nz/worksafe](http://www.worksafe.govt.nz/worksafe);
- WorkSafe New Zealand, *Approved Code of Practice for Safety and Health in Tree Work Part 2: Maintenance of trees around power lines* (1996), available from [www.worksafe.govt.nz/worksafe](http://www.worksafe.govt.nz/worksafe);
- WorkSafe New Zealand, *Approved Code of Mobile Elevating Work Platforms* (2014), available from [www.worksafe.govt.nz/worksafe](http://www.worksafe.govt.nz/worksafe);
- Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (NZTA), *Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management (COPTTM): Part 8 of the Traffic Control Devices Manual (TCD Manual)* (2012), available from [www.nzta.govt.nz](http://www.nzta.govt.nz);
- New Zealand Arboricultural Association Inc. (NZ Arb), *Best Practice Guide (BPG) for Safety Requirements in New Zealand Arboricultural Operations* (2017), available from [www.nzarb.org.nz](http://www.nzarb.org.nz); and any subsequent amendments.

2 Definitions

*Groundperson* – a person who works on the ground while other members of an arboriculture team are working above ground.

*Workplace procedures* – the policies and procedures on safety and operation set down by the employer or organisation. Procedures should reflect industry best practice, the BPG, equipment manufacturers' requirements, and current legislation.

3 For the purposes of assessment:

- evidence must be presented in accordance with workplace procedures.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Secure a site for arboriculture work.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Implement procedures to exclude people from the working and potential danger areas and drop zones.

Range includes – expulsion of people who ignore barrier tapes or signage and still impinge on exclusion area;  
may include – placement of road signage.

### Outcome 2

Support aerial crew members.

#### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Liaise with aerial crew and confirm communication methods and signals.
- 2.2 Maintain general safety of climbers in consultation with climbers.
- 2.3 Maintain lines.
- 2.4 Refuel chainsaws ensuring that fuel or oil does not contact climbing lines.

### Outcome 3

Carry out general ground duties.

#### Performance criteria

- 3.1 Wear personal protective equipment appropriate for the task and site requirements.
- 3.2 Work safely around other people and machinery working on site.
- 3.3 Stack log wood or cut into firewood.
- 3.4 Leave brushwood butts facing one way, and ready to be chipped or otherwise disposed of.
- 3.5 Leave site safe and secure when unattended.
- 3.6 Sweep or blow the site with a blower, with site left in accordance with contract specifications.

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<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	0032
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**Comments on this unit standard**

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