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| <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> |

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| <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>Planned review date</b> | 31 December 2025 |
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#### Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

| Process      | Version | Date             | Last Date for Assessment |
|--------------|---------|------------------|--------------------------|
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| <b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b> | 0032 |
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

#### Comments on this unit standard

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