

Title	Prune young amenity trees and shrubs from the ground and above ground in arboriculture situations		
Level	3	Credits	5

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: prune young amenity trees and shrubs from the ground to a prescribed form; and prune young amenity trees and shrubs under 10 metres while aloft.
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Classification	Horticulture > Arboriculture
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Available grade	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;
- AS4373:2007, *Pruning of amenity trees*, available from <https://www.standards.org.au/>;
- ANSI A300, *Standards for Tree Care Operations* (Parts 1 – 7) and their subsequent amendments, available from www.isa-arbor.com;
- WorkSafe New Zealand, *Approved Code of Practice Safety and Health in Arboriculture* (2012), available from 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;
- 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; and any subsequent amendments.

2 Definitions

Workplace procedures – the policies and procedures on safety and operation set down by the employer or organisation. Procedures should reflect industry best practice, the GPG, equipment manufacturers' requirements, and current legislation.
A young amenity tree and shrub – recently established tree and shrub that may need assistance to develop and become fully established.

- 3 For the purposes of assessment:
- evidence must be presented in accordance with workplace procedures.
 - It is recommended that Unit 31185, *Demonstrate knowledge of climbing equipment, climb a tree and undertake one-person aerial rescue*, be assessed concurrently with this unit standard.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Prune young amenity trees and shrubs from the ground to a prescribed form.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Select equipment for the task.
- 1.2 Produce shape and structure to prescribed form.
- Range may include but is not limited to – formative pruning, hedging, multistem, single leader; evidence of at least three is required.
- 1.3 Remove dead and diseased wood.
- 1.4 Leave site in a clean and tidy condition.

Outcome 2

Prune young amenity trees and shrubs under 10 metres while aloft.

Range trees less than 10 metres without a clear trunk, requiring no chainsaw use while aloft.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Consult with ground staff and agree on working techniques and progression.
- 2.2 Access the tree canopy.
- 2.3 Prune young amenity trees by removing branches safely and without damage to the tree.
- Range includes but is not limited to – crown lifting, reduction, thinning, dead wooding, formative pruning, crown restoration; shape and structure.
- 2.4 Sweep site or blow site with a blower and leave site in a clean and tidy condition.

Replacement information	This unit standard and unit standard 31184 replaced unit standard 2766 and 2768.
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

Please contact Muka Tangata - People, Food and Fibre Workforce Development Council qualifications@mukatangata.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.