

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

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