



LEVEL 2 AND 3 SUITE OF FORESTRY AND ARBORICULTURE CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE QUALIFICATIONS

LEARNER GUIDE

What is it?

These are a range of practical assessments covering all aspects of Chainsaw work. Level 2 maintenance of the chainsaw and cutting system and cross cutting timber are the mandatory qualifications that are a pre-requisite to many of the Level 2 and 3 qualifications. Once the mandatory qualifications have been achieved, learners can take further City & Guilds qualifications to meet the needs of their chosen career pathway.

Why do it?

City & Guilds NPTC Chainsaw qualifications show that the operator has practical experience, technical knowledge and their ability has been rigorously assessed. Achieving qualifications identifies a competent operator and helps to meet the health and safety requirements of the industry.

How is it assessed?

It is a practical assessment. The learner will be observed completing a series of tasks relevant to the qualification and the assessor will ask questions to check understanding. Integrated Assessment means that the assessment will be part of the training package. Independent Assessment means the learner will take the test on a separate occasion with an Independent Assessor who has not been involved with the training. At the end of both types of assessment the learner will be advised of their result.

Is training required?

- If you choose Independent Assessment you may have had “on the job” training, or you may wish to take a training course. Training can be provided through training providers and colleges.
- Integrated Assessment automatically involves a training course. This is designed to provide the knowledge, skills and resources required for the qualification. Integrated Assessment is offered when a qualification requires mandatory pre-requisites or is considered a lower risk.

Qualification Number	City & Guilds NPTC Level 2 Qualifications	Code	Pre-requisites	Replaces
0020-01* 0020-09	Award in Chainsaw Maintenance	A	None	CS30.1
0020-02	Award in Cross-cut Timber using a Chainsaw	B	A	CS30.2
0020-03	Award in Chainsaw Maintenance and Cross Cutting	C	None	CS30.1 CS30.2
0020-04	Award in Felling and Processing Trees up to 380mm	D	(A + B) or C	CS31
0020-05	Award in Branch Removal and Breakdown of a Crown	E	(A + B) or C	CS37
0020-06* 0020-10	Award in Safe Use of a Powered Pole Pruner	F	None	CS48
0020-07	Award in Accessing a Tree using a Rope and Harness	G	None	CS38.1
0020-08* 0020-11	Award in Supporting Colleagues Undertaking off Ground Tree Related Operations	H	(A + B) or C	CS45

Qualification Number	City & Guilds NPTC Level 3 Qualifications	Code	Pre-requisites	Replaces
0021-01* 0021-11	Award in Felling and Processing Trees over 380mm	J	(A + B) or C, + D	CS32
0021-02	Award in Severing Uprooted or Windblown Trees using a Chainsaw	K	(A + B) or C, + D + J	CS34 and CS35
0021-03	Award in Assisted Fell Operations	L	(A + B) or C, + D + J	New Qualification
0021-04* 0021-12	Award in Preparing and Agreeing Emergency Treework Operations	M	None	New Qualification
0021-05	Award in Emergency Treework Operations	N	(A + B) or C, + D	CS50
0021-06	Award in Aerial Tree Rescue Operations	P	(A + B) or C, + D + G	CS38.2
0021-07* 0021-13	Award in Aerial Tree Pruning	Q	(A + B) or C, + D + G + P + R	CS40
0021-08	Award in Aerial Cutting of Trees using Free-fall Techniques	R	(A + B) or C, + D + G + P	CS39
0021-09	Award in Aerial Tree Rigging	S	(A + B) or C, + D + G + P + R	CS41
0021-10* 0021-14	Award in Installation and Maintenance of Structural Tree Supports	T	(A + B) or C, + D + G + P	New Qualification

*Integrated Assessment

More information

Download the easy to read Qualification Guide from www.nptc.org.uk Click on the “Qualifications” tab.

Who to contact?

Please contact a City & Guilds centre to arrange your assessment (they can usually advise on local training provision). See www.nptc.org.uk or use the contact details shown.

Your local City & Guilds NPTC Centre:

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