Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 3	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 2.0.
Release 2	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 1.1.
Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 1.0.

AHC30816	Certificate III in Arboriculture

Qualification Description

This qualification provides occupation outcomes with a range of specialised knowledge and skills to undertake skilled work and as a pathway for further learning required for arborists in the arboriculture industry.

Possible job titles relevant to this qualification include the general title Arborist, and the specialisation titles:
- Climbing Arborist
- EWP Arborist
- Ground-based Arborist.

The qualification covers both ground-based workers and those working at heights. This qualification does not require a person to work at heights, however, units that include the skills and knowledge required to work at heights, both from an elevated work platform (EWP) and by climbing trees, are included as elective streams.

This qualification is suitable for an Australian Apprenticeship.

Occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements may apply to this qualification in some jurisdictions. Specific determination should be sought through the relevant State or Territory.

Entry Requirements

There are no entry requirements for this qualification.

Packaging Rules

To achieve this qualification, competency must be demonstrated in:
- 23 units of competency:
    - 14 core units plus
    - 9 elective units.

Core Units

AHCARB302*	Inspect trees for access and work
AHCARB303*	Perform pruning operations
AHCARB311	Tie, dress, set and finish arborist knots
AHCARB313	Identify trees
AHCWRK305	Coordinate work site activities
BSBWOR204	Use business technology
CPCCWHS1001	Prepare to work safely in the construction industry
FWPCOT2237	Maintain chainsaws
FWPCOT2239	Trim and cut felled trees
FWPCOT3238	Operate a pole saw
FWPFGM3212	Fall trees manually (intermediate)
HLTAID003	Provide first aid
TLID1001	Shift materials safely using manual handling methods
UETTDREL14A	Working safely near live electrical apparatus as a non-electrical worker

Elective Units

An asterisk (*) next to the unit code indicates that there are prerequisite requirements which must be met when packaging the qualification. Please refer to the Prerequisite requirements table for details.

Elective units must ensure the integrity of the qualification's Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) alignment at Certificate III level and contribute to a valid, industry-supported vocational outcome in Arboriculture. The electives are to be chosen to provide a specialisation.

The testamur issued for this qualification is to be titled AHC30816 Certificate III in Arboriculture with an additional descriptor added by the RTO to reflect unit selection for a specialisation:
- AHC30816 Certificate III in Arboriculture (Climbing)
- AHC30816 Certificate III in Arboriculture (Elevated Work Platform)
- AHC30816 Certificate III in Arboriculture (Climbing and Elevated Work Platform).

Climbing Specialisation

In order to achieve the Climbing specialisation:
- select all 5 units from Group A.
- select at least 1 unit from Group D
- the remaining 3 units may be selected from Group D, or from the Prerequisite Requirements list if a unit is a required for packaging the qualification, or from any currently endorsed Training Package or Accredited Course

Group A

AHCARB305*	Dismantle trees
AHCARB306*	Undertake aerial rescue
AHCARB307*	Use advanced climbing techniques
AHCARB310*	Perform aerial rigging
AHCARB312*	Use standard climbing techniques to access trees

Elevated Work Platform (EWP) Specialisation

In order to achieve the EWP specialisation:
- select all 4 units from Group B.
- select at least 2 units from Group D
- the remaining 3 units may be selected from Group D, or from the Prerequisite Requirements list if a unit is a required for packaging the qualification, or from any currently endorsed Training Package or Accredited Course.

Group B – EWP

AHCARB305*	Dismantle trees
AHCARB306*	Undertake aerial rescue
AHCARB310*	Perform aerial rigging
TLILIC2005	Licence to operate a boom-type elevating work platform (boom length 11 metres or more)

Climbing and EWP Specialisation

In order to achieve the Climbing and EWP specialisation:
- select all 6 units from Group C
- an additional 3 units may be selected from Group D, or from the Prerequisite Requirements list if a unit is a required for packaging the qualification, or from any currently endorsed Training Package or Accredited Course.

Group C – Climbing and EWP

AHCARB305*	Dismantle trees
AHCARB306*	Undertake aerial rescue
AHCARB307*	Use advanced climbing techniques

AHCARB310*	Perform aerial rigging
AHCARB312*	Use standard climbing techniques to access trees
TLILIC2005	Licence to operate a boom-type elevating work platform (boom length 11 metres or more)

For a ground-based outcome without a working-at-height specialisation:
- select 6 units from Group D or from the Prerequisite Requirements list if a unit is a required for packaging the qualification,
- the remaining 3 units may be selected from any other currently endorsed Training Package or Accredited Course.

Group D

AHCARB206*	Operate and maintain stump grinding machines
AHCARB207*	Perform ground based rigging
AHCARB301*	Implement a tree maintenance program
AHCARB308	Install cable and bracing
AHCARB309	Implement a tree protection program
AHCCHM303	Prepare and apply chemicals
AHCCHM304	Transport and store chemicals
AHCLSC310	Implement a tree transplanting program
AHCNAR306	Conduct photography for fieldwork
AHCPMG301	Control weeds
CPCCCM2010B	Work safely at heights
CPCCDO3011A	Perform dogging
FWPCOT2236	Fall trees manually (basic)
FWPFGM3213	Fall trees manually (advanced)
FWPHAR2206	Operate a mobile chipper/mulcher
HLTAID001	Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation
RIIWHS205D	Control traffic with stop-slow bat
UETTDRRF03B	Perform EWP rescue
UETTDRRF08B	Perform EWP controlled descent escape

Prerequisite requirements

Note: Units listed in the *Prerequisite requirement* column that have their own prerequisite requirements are shown with an asterisk (*)

Unit of competency	Prerequisite requirement
AHCARB206 Operate and maintain stump grinding machines	AHCARB210 Work effectively in the arboriculture industry HLTAID003 Provide first aid
AHCARB207 Perform ground based rigging	AHCARB311 Tie, dress, set and finish arborist knots
AHCARB301 Implement a tree maintenance program	AHCCHM303 Prepare and apply chemicals AHCCHM304 Transport and store chemicals
AHCARB302 Inspect trees for access and work	AHCARB313 Identify trees
AHCARB303 Perform pruning operations	FWPCOT2237 Maintain chainsaws FWPCOT2239 Trim and cut felled trees OR FWPCOT3238 Operate a pole saw
AHCARB305 Dismantle trees	AHCARB310 Perform aerial rigging* AHCARB307 Use advanced climbing techniques* **OR** TLILIC2005 Licence to operate a boom-type elevating work platform (boom length 11 metres or more) FWPFGM3212 Fall trees manually (intermediate)

AHCARB306 Undertake aerial rescue	HLTAID003 Provide first aid AHCARB310 Perform aerial rigging*
AHCARB307 Use advanced climbing techniques	AHCARB312 Use standard climbing techniques to access trees*
AHCARB310 Perform aerial rigging	AHCARB207 Perform ground based rigging* AHCARB307 Use advanced climbing techniques* **OR** TLILIC2005 Licence to operate a boom-type elevating work platform (boom length 11 metres or more)
AHCARB312 Use standard climbing techniques to access trees	AHCARB311 Tie, dress, set and finish arborist knots

Qualification Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHC30816 Certificate III in Arboriculture Release 3	AHC30816 Certificate III in Arboriculture Release 2	Corrected prerequisite code Clarified prerequisite requirements and packaging rules	Equivalent qualification

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet:
https://vetnet.education.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72