Modification History

| Release | Comments |
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| Release 1 | This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 4.0. |

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| AHC3XXXX | Certificate III in Arboriculture |
| Qualification DescriptionThis qualification describes the skills and knowledge for trade level roles in the arboriculture industry, including, climbing arborist, EWP arborist, crane specialist, utility specialist, environmental arborist and leading hand arborist.Individuals with this qualification perform a range of arboriculture activities from shaping and canopy management, tree health and remediation, environmental and habitat development, to tree dismantling and removal. The work involves high risk operations either working at heights, working near utilities or conducting support works to individuals working above ground. Work practices operate within a strict safety regime to protect workers and public. Legislation, regulations and by-laws relating to the treatment and removal of trees apply in some states, territories and jurisdictions. |
| Entry RequirementsThere are no entry requirements for this qualification. |
| Packaging RulesTo achieve this qualification, competency must be demonstrated in: * 18 units of competency:
* 9 core units plus
* 9 elective units.

Elective units must ensure the integrity of the qualification’s Australian Quality Framework (AQF) alignment and contribute to a valid, industry-supported vocational outcome. The electives are to be chosen as follows:* at least one specialisation must be selected from the Specialist Electives Units
* 7 units must be from any group of electives in groups A, B, C, D, E, F or G
* 2 from the remaining units listed in groups A, B, C, D, E, F or G or any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course.

No more than 2 of the 9 electives selected can be coded with an AQF indicator below level 3 or reflect outcomes below AQF level 3. Electives are to be packaged to provide a qualification with specialisations as follows:* All 3 electives from Group A must be selected for award of the *Certificate III in Arboriculture (Climbing arborist*)
* All 3 electives from Group B must be selected for award of the *Certificate III in Arboriculture (Crane specialist)*
* All 4 electives from Group C must be selected for award of the *Certificate III in Arboriculture (Elevated Work Platform – EWP)*
* All 4 electives from Group D must be selected for award of the Certificate III in Arboriculture (Utility Arborist)
* All 4 electives from Group E must be selected for the award of the *Certificate III in Arboriculture (Environmental arborist)*
* All 3 electives from Group F must be selected for award of the Certificate III in Arboriculture (Leading hand)

Note: If more than one specialisation is completed, award of the qualification would read (for example): Certificate III in Arboriculture (Climbing Arborist, Elevated Work Platform – EWP).Note: Units listed in the Prerequisite requirement column that have their own prerequisite requirements are shown with an asterisk (\*)Core Units

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| Unit | Title |
| AHCARBXX207 | Perform ground based rigging |
| AHCARBXX301 | Implement a tree maintenance program |
| AHCARBXX302 | Inspect trees for access and work |
| AHCARBXX303 | Perform pruning operations |
| AHCARBXX313 | Identify trees  |
| FWPCOT2237 | Maintain chainsaws |
| FWPCOT2239 | Trim and cut felled trees |
| FWPFGM3212 | Fall trees manually (intermediate) |
| HLTAID003 | Provide first aid |

Specialist Elective UnitsGroup A Climbing specialist

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| AHCARBXX305 | Dismantle trees |
| AHCARBXX306\* | Undertake aerial rescue |
| AHCARBXX307 | Use arborist climbing techniques |

Group B Crane specialist

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| AHCARBXX305 | Dismantle trees |
| AHCARBXX3XX | Use cranes to access and dismantle trees |
| CPCCDO3011A\* | Perform dogging |

Group C Elevated Work Platform (EWP)

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| AHCARBXX305  | Dismantle trees |
| TLILIC0005 | Licence to operate a boom-type elevating work platform (boom length 11 metres or more) |
| UETTDRRF03B\* | Perform EWP rescue |
| UETTDRRF08B | Perform EWP controlled descent escape |

Group D Utility arborist

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| UETTDREL13A | Comply with sustainability, environmental and incidental response policies and procedures |
| UETTDREL14A | Working safely near live electrical apparatus as a non-electrical worker |
| UETTDRVC23A\* | Plan the removal of vegetation up to vegetation exclusion zone near live electrical apparatus |
| UETTDRVC27A\* | Monitor safety compliance of vegetation control work in an ESI environment |

Group E Environmental arborist (habitat protection and creation)

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| AHCARBXX3XX | Manage trees to create and maintain habitat refuges |
| AHCFAU201 | Recognise fauna |
| AHCLPW304 | Carry out inspection of designated area |
| AHCNAR202 | Maintain wildlife habitat refuges |

Group F Leading hand

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| AHCARBXX402 | Supervise and audit tree operations |
| AHCARBXX403 | Perform ground based tree defect evaluation |
| AHCARBXX404 | Conduct a safety audit |

General Elective UnitsGroup G

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| AHCARBXX206 | Operate and maintain stump grinding machines |
| AHCARBXX309 | Implement a tree protection program |
| AHCARBXX3XX | Install tree support systems |
| AHCARBXX3XX | Access tree for inspection or ecology  |
| AHCARBXX401 | Verify pruning specifications |
| AHCBIO305 | Apply biosecurity measures |
| AHCCHM306 | Prepare and apply chemicals for hand held application equipment |
| AHCCHM304 | Transport and store chemicals |
| AHCPMG301 | Control weeds |
| AHCPMG302 | Control plant pests, diseases and disorders |
| AHCWRK305 | Coordinate work site activities |
| CPCCCM2010B\* | Work safely at heights |
| FWPCOT2236 | Fall trees manually (basic) |
| FWPCOT3238 | Operate a pole saw |
| FWPFGM3213 | Fall trees manually (advanced) |
| FWPHAR2206 | Operate a mobile chipper/mulcher |
| RIIWHS205D | Control traffic with stop-slow bat |
| UETTDRVC24A\* | Access vegetation and recommend control measures in an ESI environment |
| UETTDRVC26A\* | Cut vegetation at ground level near live electrical apparatus |
| UETTDRVC33A\* | Apply pruning techniques to vegetation control near live electrical apparatus |

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

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| Unit of competency | Prerequisite requirement |
| AHCARBXX306 Undertake aerial rescue | HLTAID003 Provide first aidAHCARBXX307 Use arborists climbing techniques |
| CPCCCM2010B Work safely at heights | CPCCOHS2001A Apply OHS requirements, policies and procedures in the construction industry |
| CPCCDO3011A Perform dogging | CPCCOHS2001A Apply OHS requirements, policies and procedures in the construction industry |
| UETTDRRF03B Perform EWP rescue | HLTAID001 Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation |
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| Qualification Mapping Information

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| AHC3XXXX Certificate III in Arboriculture  | AHC30816 Certificate III in Arboriculture  | Total number of units required to achieve the qualification decreased from 23 to 18 Changes to packaging rules, core and elective unitsNew specialisations added | No equivalent qualification |

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