

# Brushcutters/Trimmers

## At a glance...

### Training (with Assessment) Competence with Modules

**Duration Notes:** The expected duration for the course is two days. However, this may vary according to your level of experience, the certificate options selected, or the ratio of instructors to learners.

**Delivery Method:** Classroom and practical demonstration

## Introduction

Be a cut above with our two-day brushcutters/trimmers course for novice users.

## Overview in brief

Brushcutters/trimmers are popular tools across the agriculture, horticulture, landscaping, and grounds maintenance industries.

They save time and work efficiently in tricky terrains and situations.

But they also have the potential to be one of the most dangerous machines in common use.

Our course will help novice users recognise and reduce those dangers.

You'll also learn how to optimise performance and carry out routine maintenance.

## The finer details

This is an integrated training and assessment course.

You'll learn to use the brushcutter/trimmer safely and with confidence.

Understanding all the relevant regulations and safety requirements is key. You'll be taught the need for the correct protective clothing and how best to maintain a safe working environment.



A certificate of competence will be awarded once you complete the course.



Course sessions:

- Prepare for brushcutter/trimmer operations
- Brushcutter/trimmer maintenance
  
- Battery operated machines
- Operating the brushcutter/trimmer
- Clearing the site and machine checks

Some of you might need longer than the stated guide times to fully understand the information and training provided.

### Who should attend?

Our two-day novice training course is for anyone employed in the agriculture, horticulture, landscaping, and grounds maintenance industries who currently operates, or will be required to operate a brushcutter/trimmer.

This course is physical so you must be fit and able to carry out the tasks required in the course programme.

If you are inexperienced, then you may require longer than the stated guide times to fully understand the information and training provided.

### What will be covered?

By the end of this course, you'll be able to:

- Produce a site-specific risk assessment for brushcutter/trimmer operations
- Identify the necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) required
- Identify the health and safety features required on a brushcutter/trimmer
- Identify defects on the equipment and decide which the operator can remedy, and which require a service engineer's attention
- Correctly carry out all routine maintenance in accordance with the machine manufacturer's instruction book
- Prepare the equipment for use with the correct fuel/oil mix
- Start the brushcutter/trimmer from both hot and cold start in a safe manner
- Carry out pre-cutting checks
- State the possible hazards/risks when carrying out maintenance or operational tasks
- Maintain the brushcutter/trimmer and cutting heads in a safe and efficient working condition



- Adjust the brushcutter/trimmer for safe and comfortable operation
- Select the correct cutting head for the relevant operating conditions
- Operate the equipment having regard for the safety of the public, property and environmental factors
- Organise the site and use a systematic method of working where possible.

