



Machine Mounted Multi-Axis Pruning Saw Attachment & Material Handling Grab (Skills Card)

At a glance...

Assessed Customised Provision

Duration Notes:	Underpinning knowledge will be delivered in a classroom type environment and practical delivery will be carried out in a training environment or work site.
	Instructor will use questioning techniques, demonstration, and observation to assess candidates.
Delivery Method:	Classroom and practical demonstration and assessment
Recognised by:	Lantra Awards
Prerequisites:	Candidates should have experience in machine operation and/or arboriculture.

Introduction

This competence course is aimed at owners, employees, contractors, and managers who are involved in the management and processing of amenity and wild trees.

Overview in brief

This course is designed to provide structured and accredited training for anyone involved in using a tree pruning attachment and material grab. It provides the opportunity for candidates to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of safe industry working practices, and competence, in the safe and efficient operation and maintenance of tree pruning attachments and material grabs.

The finer details

The day is broken down into the following sessions:

- Introduction
- Site inspection and risk assessment
- Pre use inspection and daily maintenance
- Operation – Demonstrates safe access and positioning before carrying out pruning cuts
- Operation – Carries out a range of pruning cuts applying best practice



- Operation – Uses material handling grab effectively to move and load timber products



Who should attend?

Owners, employees, contractors, and managers who are involved in the management and processing of amenity and wild trees.

Sectors that would be covered include – Arboriculturists who are involved in carrying out maintenance work in private gardens, public parks, public road verges, and urban woodland.

Utility companies involved in clearing routes for railway embankments, electric and communication lines.

Estates maintaining grounds and tree production areas.

What will be covered?

By the end of the course, the candidate will:

- Understand and apply safe working practices
- Understand the requirements of LOLER & the Health and Safety at work act
- Select PPE appropriate to the task
- Undertake site and task risk assessments
- Carry out a familiarisation exercise clearly identifying machine safety features
- Conduct pre - usage checks
- Operate the machine safely, and efficiently, adopting safe working practices
- Understands the factors which can impact on stability
- Conduct post - usage checks
- Perform maintenance according to the manufacturer's schedule

