

Course Objectives:

To enable course members to:

- Understand legislation and safety guidelines pertaining to the use of a chainsaw from a rope and harness
- Understand the safety considerations to be observed in organising the work site
- Carry out pre-start checks to the chainsaw, cold and hot starting techniques
- Demonstrate techniques for hauling chainsaws into the tree and attaching them appropriately to the harness
- Use appropriate techniques for establishing secure and comfortable work positions
- Demonstrate the appropriate use of various step and sink cuts and correct final pruning cuts
- Use top-handled and lightweight rear-handled chainsaws in a safe and efficient manner, to remove light and medium weight branches
- Understand and fulfill the duties and responsibilities of a competent ground person

Who is the course designed for?

Tree surgeons, Arborists. The course provides the knowledge and skill requirements for candidates to be assessed for NPTC Certificate of Competence CS39 "Use of chainsaw from a rope and harness"

Duration:

Min. 2 Days

Instructor/Trainee Ratio:

1:4

Course Content:

- PPE
- Prepare chainsaw for use
- Cold / hot starting techniques
- Sending saw aloft
- General saw handling
- Use of chainsaw from rope and harness to remove medium sized lateral branches
- Use of slings
- How to free a trapped saw
- Target pruning

Equipment & Facilities:

Venue:

- Site with open grown trees
- Not dead or diseased
- Broad leaf preferred

Trainee:

- Own Climbing equipment
- Personal Protective Clothing (PPE)
- Hand saw for working in tree
- First aid kit
- Lightweight Chainsaw,
- Tools, fuel and oil
- Chainsaw PPE