

**Course Objectives:**

**To enable course members to:**

- Identify, inspect and comment upon key parts of the equipment to be used
- Prepare the equipment for use ensuring the safety of themselves, other people and the environment
- Comment upon the structure, condition and properties of the tree(s) to be worked upon
- Use a chainsaw and other pruning tools whilst maintaining a working position within the crown of a tree using a rope and harness in conjunction with ground staff
- Operate a chainsaw whilst maintaining a working position within the crown of a tree using a rope and harness
- Use lowering ropes and other associated equipment to carry out lowering and sectional felling operations
- Undertake a range of Arboricultural operations without risk to themselves, other people or the environment

**Who is the course designed for?**

This course is for arborists who hold the pre-requisite NPTC City & Guilds units CS30/31, 38 & 39.

**Duration:**

5 days: Practical - Tree felling activities should avoid disturbing wildlife in the nesting season and must comply with other felling requirements.

**Instructor/Trainee Ratio:**

Max 1:4

**Course Content:**

- Legal and environmental factors
- Tree/Site hazard assessments
- Chainsaw pre-use checks & maintenance
- Ground staff communication
- Achieving the correct work position
- Removal of limbs and vertical trunk sections
- Lowering operations and equipment.(LOLER 1998)