

## Course Objectives:

### To enable course members to:

- Produce a site specific Risk Assessment for stump grinding operations
- State the principles of HSE legislation and safety guidelines for using a stump grinder
- Select the appropriate PPE and state the maintenance requirements
- Carry out operator checks and identify the safety features of a stump grinder
- Carry out routine operator maintenance
- Inspect and identify defects on the grinding mechanism
- Prepare machine prior to operation, start the machine, carry out safety checks and stop machine.
- Prepare a work area and a range of stumps for grinding and identify hazardous materials not to be ground
- Use approved techniques for safe and efficient stump grinding of a range of stump sizes
- State the procedure for removing blockages
- Re-instate ground and deal with arisings.
- Prepare machine for transport and storage
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## Who is the course designed for?

Any person employed in arboriculture, forestry, horticulture, landscaping and grounds maintenance that is or will be required to operate Stump Grinders. Inexperienced members may require longer than the stated guide times to fully utilize the information supplied.

This is an Integrated Training and Assessment (ITA) course, and successful candidates will receive a Certificate of Basic Training and ID card

**Duration:** 1 Day

**Instructor/Trainee Ratio:** Max 1:4 for novices

Max 1:6 for experienced operators (Evidence of experience required)

Machine : trainee = 1:4 (1:6 for refresher training)

## Equipment & Facilities:

### Trainees

- Stump Grinder complying with safety regulations as per AFAG Safety Guide 606
- Operator's instruction books and service manuals for all machinery
- Notebook and pencil
- Safety Helmet
- Ear defenders
- Visor or Safety goggles
- Gloves with close fitting cuffs
- Safety boots
- Hi-viz clothing
- Fuel in appropriate container for
- own machine
- Tool kit for own machine

### Venue

- Dry, clean workshop with light and heating (if necessary).
- Suitable site for practical operation including stumps to be ground