

Course Objectives: At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Prune trees from the ground safely in proximity to a overhead power line using pruning head and pole saw
- Carry out assisted fell in proximity a an overhead power line

Who is the course designed for?

UA Awards are only valid for 3 years from issue date candidates will need 'recertification' every 3 years. This course is essential for holders of UA2.2 Awards who are working in the utility arboriculture industry

Pre-requisites:

Trainees must hold: City & Guilds (NPTC) UA2.2

Duration:

1 Day Training + ½ day assessment

Instructor/Trainee Ratio:

Max 1:6

Course Content:

- Tree categories A, B, C & D
- Knowledge & implications of different pruning methods
- Assess site & electrical hazards
- Electrical Method of Work procedures for each tree category
- Use of pruning tools & appropriate PPE
- Assisted felling trees adjacent to overhead lines
- Lookout/Groundsman
- Insulated Rods – assemble, inspect, use, minimum numbers, factors of care and maintenance
- Utility pruning operations involving climbing activities
- 1-2-3 cut sequence
- Briefing ground staff & effective communication

Required Kit List – UA2.1 & 2.2R Only

PPE:

- Chainsaw protective trousers (complying with EN 381-5)
- A safety helmet (complying with EN 397)
- Eye protection (mesh visor complying with EN 1731 or safety glasses to EN 166)
- Hearing protection (complying with EN 352)
- Chainsaw protective boots with good grip and protective guarding at front vamp and instep complying with (EN 381-3)
- Gloves with protective guarding on the back of the left hand (complying with EN 381-7)
- First aid kit (including a large wound dressing)
- Outdoor clothing

Tool Kit & Equipment:

- Chainsaw – guide bar length 380mm/15”
- Combination spanner/screwdriver
- Soft brush (to clean air filter)
- Round file and holder (appropriate to your chain)
- Flat mill saw file
- Bar groove cleaner
- Depth gauge setting tool
- Grease gun and grease (if applicable to your saw)
- Felling lever/breaker bar
- Felling wedges
- Two Stroke fuel & chain oil
- Insulated rods with pruning head and saw head
- Packed Lunch
- Passport Photograph