

Pole Powered Pruner

Build expertise in using a powerful and potentially dangerous tool with our one-day course. You'll need to be confident operating and maintaining powered pole pruners to the risk of accidents. Our course will give you that confidence. This is a hands-on course that delivers both practical skills and health and safety guidance as well as demonstrating that you and your employer have completed sufficient training to meet the **Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER)**.

Who is the Course For?

This course is suitable for you if you work in one of the following industries: Forestry, Arboriculture, Agriculture, Horticulture, Woodland, Local Authorities, Conservation, Construction, Land-based. Note: Due to the nature of the training a minimum level of fitness is required for specific operations. Whilst we would not want to disadvantage anyone it is an essential requirement

Those wishing to obtain either a to or a regulated qualification can then move on to the Lantra Awards Level 2 Award in Using a Powered Pole Pruner

Our course might take you longer than the one day if you are inexperienced, and therefore require more time to fully understand all of the course information.

Alternatively our refresher course is for anyone with experience of using a Pole pruner and will provide you with the opportunity to practice and update your skills, and gain certification.

Duration/Format

One day

Instructor/Trainee Ratio

Max: 1:4

Course Objectives

To enable course members to:

- Complete basic environmental checks prior to work operations
- Identify the necessary personal protective equipment required, report on its condition and locate standard markings
- Identify the health and safety features required on a pruning saw
- Identify faults and defects on a pruning saw and cutting equipment and decide which the operator can remedy and which require a service engineer's attention
- Carry out correctly all routine maintenance in accordance with the manufacturer's instruction book and/or the Lantra Awards workbook
- Prepare the pruning saw for use with the correct fuel/oil mix and chain lubrication
- Start the pruning saw for use with the correct fuel/oil mix and saw chain lubrication
- Carry out pre-cutting safety tests and state the procedures if the pruning saw fails these tests
- State the possible hazards/risks when carrying out maintenance or operational tasks and complete a risk assessment
- Assess and explain the terms 'tension' and 'compression' in timber
- Adopt safe procedures to remove a trapped guide bar
- Use correct pruning methods

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Course Content

- Clear the pruned branches in a safe manner
- Organise site safety and state the procedures required.
- HSE legislation and safety guidelines
- Safety features of a powered pole pruner
- Maintaining the powered pole pruner chain
- Maintaining the guide bar
- Engine maintenance
- Starting the pruning saw and pre-cut checks
- Clear and tidy working area and pruning saw checks

Certification:

The course can be run as integrated training and assessment registered with Lantra Awards. Successful candidates will be awarded a Lantra Certificate of Competence. Alternatively candidates can go on to take the NPTC separate assessment.

Facilities/Equipment Required

Venue

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

Trainee

Pole pruner complying with safety regulations
Operators' 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