



# AHCMOM213 Operate and maintain chainsaws

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## COURSE OVERVIEW

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to safely operate a hand-held chainsaw and maintain it in working condition.

This unit applies to cross-cutting fallen timber using safe cutting techniques.

The unit applies to individuals who apply low risk work procedures and comply with worksite health and safety requirements when operating hand-held chainsaws to carry out routine work.

No occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.



## COURSE CONTENT

### Assist in preparation of worksite

- Identify location of worksite and fallen timber & site hazards
- Confirm first aid personnel, equipment and procedures
- Document and implement site health and safety in the workplace, environmental and traffic control measures

### Recognise and apply workplace safety procedures

- Identify hazards and risks relevant to the maintenance and operation of chainsaws and implement safe working practices to manage risks
- Select, fit and use personal protective equipment according to workplace safety procedures
- Confirm with supervisor relevant licensing and legislative requirements with regard to the operation of chainsaws
- Transport chainsaw safely according to operation and maintenance manual

### Check and prepare chainsaw for use

- Conduct routine checks and maintenance prior to operation
- Calculate required fuel oil ratios & mix fuel
- Identify, tag, record and report chainsaw faults or malfunctions to supervisor

### Operate chainsaw

- Communicate with work team
- Place supports to ensure a stable base for cutting
- Identify materials to be cut, visually assess for defects and position them for operation
- Determine cutting methods appropriate to material type and implement risk controls
- Operate chainsaw to cross-cut timber
- Report communication issues & environmental impacts to supervisor

### Complete and check chainsaw operation

- Record and report chainsaw damage, malfunction and irregular performance
- Clean and store chainsaw
- Dispose of debris from operation
- Maintain workplace documentation

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Be at least 18 years of age (Photo Identification is required to be sited prior to course commencement.)
- USI Number
- Arrive in suitable clothing (long pants, closed-in shoes, long sleeve shirt)
- There are no pre-requisites for this unit
- Language, literacy and numeracy skills required to interpret legislative requirements and to undertake written and practical assessment activities
- Students must wear safety boots, long pants, long sleeved shirts. Students must also provide their own PPE e.g. face shield, helmet, hearing protection and chaps.

COURSE DURATION	COURSE DATE & DELIVERY LOCATION	CLASS SIZE	FFES AND CHARGES
Half Day (approximately 5-6 hours)	Courses are scheduled upon request. Please inquire <b>1300 001 201</b>	Up to 6 participants per class	Please contact us for a group / corporate quote.

## NATIONAL RECOGNITION & OBTAINED UNITS OF COMPETENCY

Students who are deemed competent upon successfully completing the training and assessment will receive a Statement of Attainment nationally recognised under the Australian Qualifications Framework for the following unit of competency:

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## MODE OF DELIVERY

Delivery of this course will be classroom based blended with some practical activities.

## ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

### THEORY

They will also be required to answer a number of written questions regarding their actions and theoretical application of knowledge.

The assessment activities will be conducted by an RTO assessor and must be completed in the workplace or in another environment that accurately simulates the workplace. The assessor will observe the learner while the tasks are being performed.

### PRACTICAL

The learner will be assessed by demonstrating procedures applicable to this unit, either in the work place or simulated workplace.

## DUTY OF CARE

ISH24 Pty Ltd adopts high standards in duty of care of its learners and assessors. ISH24 Pty Ltd reserves the right to turn anyone away that seems to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. This action is to ensure that the learners' and assessors' safety is assured and that ISH24 Pty Ltd maintains an accident free learning environment and complies with our duty of care responsibilities. At ISH24 Pty Ltd we provide a friendly and supported environment to learn and achieve.