

**Specification of Competency Standards**  
**for the Arboriculture & Horticulture Industry**  
**Unit of Competency**

Functional Area - Planting, Caring and Management of Plants

Title	Supervise tree climbing operations
Code	109108L3
Range	This unit of competency is applicable to supervisors who are engaged in tree climbing operations in the arboriculture and horticulture industry. Practitioners should be capable of guiding and supervising staff in climbing trees in accordance with the established code of practice for tree climbing, and properly arranging ground support staff to assist climbers in carrying out related operations.
Level	3
Credit	3 (For Reference Only)
Competency	<p>Performance Requirements</p> <p>1. Possess knowledge related to supervising tree climbing operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehend the requirements of tree climbing, in terms of purposes of tree climbing, equipment, physical fitness, experience, etc.</li> <li>• Comprehend the standards, related technical knowledge and guidelines for tree climbing</li> <li>• Comprehend the methods for checking the tools and equipment for tree climbing</li> <li>• Comprehend the skills in using the tools and equipment for tree climbing</li> <li>• Comprehend the qualification requirements of climbers, and the use and safety specifications of the personal protective equipment</li> <li>• Comprehend the legislation in regard to working at height</li> </ul> <p>2. Supervise tree climbing operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervise tree climbing operations, ensuring that the climbers comply with the requirements of the tree climbing guidelines and the codes of practice of the organisation</li> <li>• Supervise the work processes of tree climbing, for example, checking the work sites and tree conditions, checking the climbing tools and personal safety equipment, monitoring climbers' safe use of tools, ensuring that there are support staff on the ground to assist the climbers in working on the trees during the course of the operations, and arranging staff to clean up the work sites</li> <li>• Check the requirements of the climbers before the tree climbing operations, in terms of clothing, equipment, physical conditions, fitness, experience, skills, etc.</li> <li>• Record and report any emergencies for follow-up and improvement in the future</li> </ul> <p>3. Exhibit professionalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify the potential hazards in the work processes and recommend climbers adopt appropriate climbing methods</li> </ul>
Assessment Criteria	<p>The integrated outcome requirements of this unit of competency are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Able to guide and supervise staff in climbing trees in accordance with the established code of practice for tree climbing; and</li> <li>• Able to properly arrange ground support staff to assist climbers in carrying out related operations.</li> </ul>
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