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

## Functional Area - Occupational Safety and Health for the Arboriculture and Horticulture Industry

Title	Use personal protective equipment
Code	109046L1
Range	This unit of competency is applicable to frontline staff working in the arboriculture and horticulture industry. Practitioners should be capable of donning personal protective equipment properly as required by the superiors, and mastering its use and maintenance methods to protect their personal safety.
Level	1
Credit	2 (For Reference Only)
Competency	Performance Requirements  1. Possess knowledge related to using personal protective equipment
	<ul> <li>Know about the types of personal protective equipment required for different tasks, such as protective clothing (chainsaw pants), helmets, goggles and safety shoes</li> <li>Know how to properly don and check personal protective equipment</li> <li>Comprehend the use of different types of personal protective equipment and their limitations</li> <li>Possess knowledge of the maintenance and storage of personal protective equipment</li> <li>Comprehend the legal requirements related to the use of personal protective equipment</li> </ul> 2. Use personal protective equipment
	<ul> <li>Don the required personal protective equipment properly as required by the superiors</li> <li>Adjust the personal protective equipment until it fits, and check the structure of the equipment to ensure that it meets safety requirements</li> <li>Follow manufacturers' guidelines to conduct regular maintenance for the personal protective equipment</li> <li>Report to superiors any signs of damage to the protective equipment and contact suppliers to arrange replacement or repair</li> </ul>
	3. Exhibit professionalism
	<ul> <li>Check all personal protective equipment regularly to ensure that it is in optimal conditions and ready for use</li> <li>Check with superiors or colleagues to ensure that the donned personal protective equipment meets safety requirements</li> </ul>
Assessment Criteria	The integrated outcome requirements of this unit of competency are:
	<ul> <li>Able to don adequate and suitable personal protective equipment as required by the superiors to protect personal safety; and</li> <li>Able to check the safety of the structure of the personal protective equipment according to the relevant safety guidelines, and don the relevant equipment properly.</li> </ul>
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