



T Levels: Recommended supplementary qualifications for students studying Agricultural T Levels

There are a number of Level 2 Certificates of Competence that we recommend are completed by learners to supplement their development and readiness for the industry.

Certificates of Competence for the T Level in Agriculture Land Management and Production: Trees and Woodland Management

We strongly recommend that all learners studying for the Agriculture, Land Management and Production T Level hold at least the following prior to commencing their industry placement:

- Level 2 Certificate of Competence in Chainsaw Maintenance and Cross-cutting
- Level 2 Certificate of Competence in Felling Small Trees up to 380mm

Both of these are a mandatory requirement to use a chainsaw at work.

These qualifications, and the others suggested below, are not mandatory to achieve the T Level Technical Qualification, but providers should consider including these as part of their T level programmes to support progression to the workplace.

This will provide evidence to employers that a learner has undergone sufficient training and assessment to work safely in the workplace.

Providers must consider which relevant high-risk skills learners should have before they start their industry placement.

Certificates of Competence for learners on the Forestry pathway

We recommend that learners on the Forestry pathway also complete:

- Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Forestry Clearing Saw
- Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Brush-cutters and Trimmers

These are important qualifications for forest establishment and maintenance work, and are in demand in the industry.

Certificates of Competence for learners on the Arboriculture pathway

We recommend that learners on the Arboriculture pathway also complete:

- Level 2 Certificate of Competence in Climbing Trees and Performing Aerial Rescue

This is a mandatory requirement to work off-ground in a tree at work.

- Level 2 Certificate of Competence in Using a Chainsaw from a Rope and Harness

This is a mandatory requirement to use a chainsaw off-ground at work.

How T Level content relates to the Certificates of Competence

The Trees and Woodland occupational specialism already covers some of the learning needed for certificates of competence listed above, so only some additional learning may be needed prior to taking assessments.

Forestry and Arboriculture pathways

The following performance outcomes (PO) are covered in both the Forestry and Arboriculture pathways:

- PO1 – Common knowledge criteria
- PO2 – Grow trees and woodlands
- PO3 – Operate and maintain forestry and arboriculture machinery

PO3 contains skills criteria directly aligned to:

- Level 2 Certificate of Competence in Chainsaw Maintenance and Cross-cutting
- Level 2 Certificate of Competence in Felling Small Trees up to 380mm.

Forestry pathway

The following performance outcomes are covered in the Forestry pathway:

- PO4 - Manage woodlands to meet objectives
- PO5 - Maintain woodlands to meet prescribed objectives
- PO6 - Complex felling operations

PO5 contains skills criteria directly aligned to:

- Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Forestry Clearing Saw
- Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Brush-cutters and Trimmers

PO6 contains skills criteria directly aligned to:

- Level 2 Certificate of Competence in Chainsaw Maintenance and Cross-cutting
- Level 2 Certificate of Competence in Felling Small Trees up to 380mm.

Arboriculture pathway

The following performance outcomes are covered in the Arboriculture pathway:

- PO7 – Manage tree populations to meet objectives
- PO8 – Maintain trees to meet prescribed objectives
- PO9 – Complex arboriculture operations

PO8 contains skills criteria directly aligned to:

- Level 2 Certificate of Competence in Climbing Trees and Performing Aerial Rescue

PO9 contains skills criteria directly aligned to:

- Level 2 Certificate of Competence in Climbing Trees and Performing Aerial Rescue
- Level 2 Certificate of Competence in Using a Chainsaw from a Rope and Harness
- Level 2 Certificate of Competence in Chainsaw Maintenance and Cross-cutting
- Level 2 Certificate of Competence in Felling Small Trees up to 380mm.