

Brushcutter/Trimmer – Maintenance and Operation

Our Brushcutters/Trimmers integrated training and assessment course has experienced instructors who will make sure that you use the trimmer safely and with confidence, and that you understand the relevant regulations and safety requirements.

Who is the Course For?

Our two day novice training course is for anyone employed in the agriculture, horticulture, landscaping and grounds maintenance industry that currently operates, or will be required to operate a brushcutter/trimmer. This course is physical so you must be fit and able to carry out the tasks required in the course programme.

If you are inexperienced then you may require longer than the stated guide times to fully understand the information and training provided.

Duration/Format

Two days for novices

One day for experienced operators (Evidence of experience required)

Instructor/Trainee Ratio

Max: 1:6

Course Objectives

To enable course members to:

- State and comply with safety and legal requirements of a brushcutter/trimmer, with an emphasis on safe practices, warning signs and guards.
- State and identify the correct protective clothing to wear and the standards required.
- Perform routine maintenance in accordance with the manufacturer's handbook.
- Identify faults and defects on a brushcutter/trimmer and decide which the operator can easily remedy, and which should be referred to a specialist engineer.
- Adjust the equipment for safe and comfortable operation.
- Identify which cutting head to select for the relevant operating conditions.
- Carry out fuel mixing correctly and be able to start the brushcutter/trimmer from both a hot and a cold condition in a safe manner.
- Operate the brushcutter/trimmer in a safe manner having regard for the safety of themselves, the public, property and environmental factors.
- Plan systematic working operations.

The use of the manufacturer's instruction book is stressed at all times to ensure maintenance and adjustments are carried out to manufacturers' recommendations.

Course Content

- Safety and risk assessment
- HSE legislation
- Protective clothing
- Components and maintenance
- Practical maintenance
- Fuelling and starting
- Testing the safety features

Certification:

- Checking balance of the brushcutter/trimmer
- Safe operation in a variety of operating conditions

The course can be run as integrated training and assessment registered with Lantra Awards. Successful candidates will be awarded a Lantra Certificate of Competence.

Facilities/Equipment Required

Trainees

Brushcutters/Trimmers complying with safety regulations
Operators' instruction books and service manuals for all machinery.
Notebook and pencil.
Ear defenders
Safety goggles and other protective clothing
Fuel in appropriate container for own brushcutter.
Tool kit for own brushcutter.