

## Lantra Awards Technical Award in Using a Powered Pole Pruner (2 Days)

**Product code:** 2559

**Summary / introduction:**

Powered pole pruners are powerful and dangerous tools, therefore it is essential when using them that you have total confidence and expertise in what you are doing, so avoiding any accidents.

**Target audience:**

This course is suitable for you if you work in one of the following industries:

- Forestry
- Arboriculture
- Agriculture
- Horticulture
- Woodland
- Local Authorities
- Conservation
- Construction
- Land-based.

**Note:** Due to the nature of the training a minimum level of fitness is required for specific operations. Whilst we would not want to disadvantage anyone it is an essential requirement.

**Description:**

Our 'Using a Powered Pole Pruner' one day training only course will provide you with the appropriate techniques and safety guidelines to ensure that you are not only confident when using a powered pole pruner but also aware of relevant health and safety guidelines making sure you stay protected. \*If you are using a powered pole pruner in a professional capacity it is recommended you register for our Using a Powered Pole Pruner training course or Lantra Awards Level 2 Award in Using a Powered Pole Pruner. For those wishing to obtain a Licence to practice or for the occasional user looking to obtain a regulated qualification you can proceed to the Lantra Awards Level 2 Award in Using a Powered Pole Pruner.

**Product objectives:**

The expected learning outcomes are that you will be able to:

- Complete basic environmental checks prior to work operations
- Identify the necessary personal protective equipment required, report on its condition and locate standard markings
- Identify the health and safety features required on a

pruning saw

- Identify faults and defects on a pruning saw and cutting equipment and decide which the operator can remedy and which require a service engineer's attention
- Carry out correctly all routine maintenance in accordance with the manufacturer's instruction book and/or the Lantra Awards workbook
- Prepare the pruning saw for use with the correct fuel/oil mix and chain lubrication
- Start the pruning saw for use with the correct fuel/oil mix and saw chain lubrication
- Carry out pre-cutting safety tests and state the procedures if the pruning saw fails these tests
- State the possible hazards/risks when carrying out maintenance or operational tasks and complete a risk assessment
- Assess and explain the terms 'tension' and 'compression' in timber
- Adopt safe procedures to remove a trapped guide bar
- Use correct pruning methods
- Clear the pruned branches in a safe manner
- Organise site safety and state the procedures required.

#### **Course sessions:**

- HSE legislation and safety guidelines
- Safety features of a powered pole pruner
- Maintaining the powered pole pruner chain
- Maintaining the guide bar
- Engine maintenance
- Starting the pruning saw and pre-cut checks
- Clear and tidy working area and pruning saw checks

**Course / product type:**  
**Assessment type:**  
**Course / product delivery:**  
**Language:**  
**Duration:**  
**Min number of learners:**  
**Max number of learners:**  
**Category:**

Integrated Training & Assessment  
 Internal assessment and external verification  
 Theory and practical based  
 English  
 2 Days  
 1  
 4  
 Working with Trees / Chainsaws  
 Equipment and Machinery