

# LEVEL 2

## ARBORIST

**APPRENTICESHIP STANDARD \*Coming Autumn 2020\***

**27 MONTHS DURATION**

**( 25 months learning / 3 months EPA )**



### WHO IS THIS APPRENTICESHIP FOR?

This apprenticeship standard is an ideal programme for those wishing to work in an environment involving diverse activities such as chainsaw work, aerial tree work, pruning, dismantling and using appropriate machinery such as brushwood chippers.

This can be for local authorities, private companies and many are also self-employed. Tree work can be physically demanding and involves working outdoors in all weathers. Undertaking aerial tree work but may also be ground-based. They will do a range of tree work jobs with indirect supervision. Being capable of supporting the tree work team across a range of basic technical skills.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

As part of this standard you will need to work towards Level 2 and achieve Level 1 functional skills in maths and English.

### COSTS

Maximum of £15,000 if you are a Levy payer

Maximum of £750 if you are a non-Levy company

### PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

Completing this apprenticeship programme with its transferable skills will enable progression into roles such as supervisory, management or advisory roles.

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

This apprenticeship is delivered through a blended learning approach of planned face to face learning sessions, remote learning activities, workplace visits, on and off the job training and 1 to 1 support.

It covers areas such as:

- Recognising health and safety needs onsite and working safely
- Taking instructions from the job supervisor and other senior work colleagues to include signing onto the site specific risk assessment / emergency action plan and maintaining records
- Selecting appropriate equipment for the Load and unload equipment safely
- Setting out work place signage (highway & non highway) and assists with traffic control
- Processing tree work arisings using appropriate machinery
- Taking appropriate care of tools, equipment and customer property
- Recognising a basic range of tree and shrub species using common and scientific names
- Identifying pests, diseases, disorders and tree defects
- Carrying out a range of ground-based pruning operations
- Felling and process small trees
- Supporting aerial tree workers both Mobile Elevated Work Platform (MEWP) and climbing with transfer of equipment for aerial tree work operations
- Performing an aerial rescue of colleague from a rope and harness and a MEWP
- Working safely at height in the tree under supervision
- Preparing sites for planting, plant trees and provide support, protection and aftercare

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Throughout the apprenticeship learners will complete a portfolio of evidence with work they have completed. Without this evidence learners will not be able to progress to their End Point Assessment.

## QUALIFICATIONS

The following licence to practice qualifications are delivered as part of the learning journey and **MUST** be achieved prior to end point assessment:

- Level 3 award in emergency first aid at work
- Level 2 award in safe use of brushwood chipper
- Traffic Management (NRSWA Unit 002 Signing, Lighting and Guarding) OR Sector Scheme 12D
- Level 2 award in chainsaw maintenance
- Level 2 award in crosscutting timber using a chainsaw
- Level 2 award in felling and processing trees up to 380mm
- Level 2 award in accessing a tree using a rope and harness
- Level 3 award in aerial tree rescue operations
- Level 3 award in aerial cutting of trees using free fall techniques
- Level 2 award in safe use of mobile elevated work platform
- Level 3 award in use of a chainsaw from a Mobile Elevated Work Platform (MEWP)

## END POINT ASSESSMENT

This apprenticeship includes an end point assessment consisting of:

- Knowledge test
- Practical skills test/holistic project
- Interview (based on evidence from portfolio)