



VTP555 Operate and Maintain Chainsaws

DESCRIPTION

This course is suitable for people who would like to learn how to use and maintain a chainsaw safely. It covers the following:

- Operational maintenance of chainsaws
- Chain selection and sharpening
- Select and use the required PPE
- Cutting techniques for felled timber
- Fell Trees Manually (basic)

ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy (LLND) evaluation helps identify any areas where you may need additional support to help you achieve your goals.

To gain entry into the VTP555 Operate and Maintain Chainsaws, candidates are required to:

- be 16 years or older and physically capable of using a chainsaw, and
- not be attending secondary school, and
- be able to demonstrate appropriate language, literacy, and numeracy skills and knowledge to undertake this course. This is demonstrated if you have completed a qualification deemed equivalent to an Australian Year 11 or higher, Australian Certificate III or higher, or by completing a Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy (LLND) assessment.

****If you do not meet the entry requirements and would like to discuss your options, contact the TAFE teams listed below.***

DELIVERY DETAILS

Location(s)	Katherine, Casuarina, Remote & Regional locations on demand
Duration*	2 – 4 days
Study mode ^^	Face-to-face

** Duration may vary depending on how long a student takes to reach the required competency level.*

^^ Course timetable will be provided on application for the course.

^^Information relating to study modes can be found in the 2026 TAFE Student Guide



FEES

Fee Type	2026 Course Fees	
	Two units	Three units
NT Government Supported*	\$308.00	\$616.00
Flat Fee	\$550.00	\$750.00

*This course is supported by the NT Government for domestic [eligible](#) students who are NT residents. A limited number of NT Government supported places are available, so secure your place now.

Fees shown are indicative and subject to change annually. Actual course fees may vary depending on the units chosen. For International non-student visa-holders; study eligibility needs to be verified before enrolment. Fees may vary depending on the visa type. The course fee rates will vary for commercial contract arrangements.

For further clarification and information on fees, fee exemptions, payment options, instalment plans, and refunds, contact CDU on 1800 061 963 or refer to [TAFE Fees and Payments](#)

ASSESSMENT

Skills and knowledge assessments are an essential step in progressing through your course. You may be assessed in a number of ways including written assessment, questioning, portfolios, work samples, direct observation, practical assessments and third-party feedback.

Throughout your course you will receive information about assessments including how, when and where assessments will be conducted.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

RPL is a process that determines whether the skills, knowledge and experience you've gained through your previous study, work or life experience can count towards a vocational training qualification at CDU. For more information, [VET RPL](#).

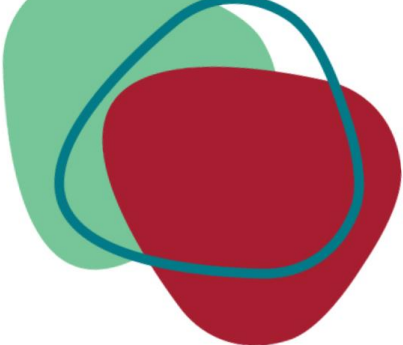
CREDIT TRANSFER (CT)

Charles Darwin University as a Registered Training Organisation recognises the Australian Qualifications Framework qualifications and Statement of Attainments issued by any other Australian Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

Students are encouraged to submit any requests for credit from previous studies at the time of enrolment, to ensure they are not enrolling in units they may not need to undertake.

RESOURCES

Students are issued with learning resources for this course.



STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Achievement of this course may provide credit towards qualifications in the AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package.

PROGRAM CONTENT

This training program covers Three (3) units of competency taken from the AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package, which is recognised nationwide.

UNITS

AHCMOM213	Operate and maintain chainsaws
FWPCOT2273	Trim and cut felled trees
FWPCOT2275	Fell trees manually (basic)

WITHDRAWING FROM A PROGRAM

You may withdraw from this program and receive, where relevant, a Statement of Attainment for all units of competency you have successfully completed.

SUPPORT SERVICES

The University provides support for students in many areas, including Accommodation, Careers and Employability, Counselling, Disability Services, Financial Support Services, Student Advocacy, Indigenous Tutorial Support Services, International Student Support Services, Library Services, and VET Learner Support Services.

More information is available at [Student Support - Life, Health and Wellbeing](#)

CONTACT DETAILS

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For further information regarding student life at CDU, please refer to <https://www.cdu.edu.au/study/student-life>.