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	Scoresheet for European Brush cutter Certificate [EBC]	Feedback comments made to candidate as appropriate & Result G R ✓
Practical Test: Maximum time allowed 1h depending on operation(s) being carried out. Pre-requisite: None		
This scoresheet will be completed by the Assessor in line with the European Brush cutter Standards [EBS]		
All candidates will be provided with the European Brush cutter Standards [EBS] prior to undertaking the Assessment for the European Brush cutter Certificate [EFMOC].		
ASSESSMENT TASKS & CRITERIA EBC No critical red mistakes and max. 4 yellow errors to succeed!		

EBC-1	PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR MAINTAINANCE Candidate to wear appropriate PPE for maintenance, sign RA & show ID The assessment cannot proceed if any of the PPE critical items are not worn	
1:01	Safety boots/shoes	C
1:02	Face & eye protection as appropriate	C
1:03	Personal/Squad First Aid Kit - on every work site	
1:04	Gloves appropriate to task	

EBC-2	ROUTINE BRUSH CUTTER / TRIMMER MAINTENANCE Brush cutter/Trimmer operator must be able to check function of parts, including safety features: (Machine switched off):	
2:01	Check for any damage to the machine	
2:02	Fully compatible Blade/trimmer deflector guard fitted correctly	C
2:03	Throttle lock functioning correctly	C
2:04	Legal symbols present: Head/eye/ear defender/ Safety distances	C
2:05	Air filter (machines with engine) or battery compartment (battery machines) clean and intact	
2:06	Exhaust and protective guard intact	
2:07	Anti-vibration system intact	
2:08	Recoil starter mechanism functions correctly (machines with engine)	
2:09	Intact and secure operating or control handle, hand guards (if provided)	
2:10	Gearbox greased (if applicable)	
2:11	Functional clearly marked on/off switch	
2:12	Fuel tank and filter clean (machines with engine) or battery secure & intact (battery machines)	

SPECIFIC ROUTINE / daily. BRUSH CUTTER operator must be able to:		
2A:1	Check for damages to the cutting blade / head, and deflector guard	
2A:2	Sharpen Brush Cutter blade using file with handle fitted or soft grinding disc	



2A:3	Maintain or fit correct angles and Equal lengths of cutters		
2A:4	Remove Filing burrs if needed		
SPECIFIC ROUTINE / daily TRIMMER operator must be able to:			
2B:1	Check for damage to and function of the trimmer head, bearing and deflector guard		
2B:2	Ensure trimmer lines are equal and set to manufacturer's recommended length		

EBC-3	SAFE AT WORK – PPE; Brush cutter / trimmer operator to wear appropriate PPE		
3:01	Safety boots (heavy-duty slip-resistant)/shoes as appropriate	C	
3:02	Approved eye protection EN 166 according to risk assessment	C	
3:03	Ear's defenders or ear's protection	C	
3:04	Safety helmet/hat if necessary		
3:05	Non snag-outer clothes		
3:06	Gloves appropriate to task		
3:07	Whistle/Mobile/Radio		
3:08	Protective strong clothing (ISO 17353:2020): long trousers, sleeves, chaps or similar for protecting legs from thorns, debris and projections etc. long sleeves recommended appropriate to risk assessment	C	
3:09	Other PPE as highlighted by the risk assessment (e.g. shin guards, aprons, face protection visor, high visibility clothes)		
3:10	Manufacturer's handbook available with the machine, if not candidate knows where to find it (online)		

EBS-4	PLANNING THE WORK including what to do if there is an emergency. Brush cutter/Trimmer operator must be able to identify hazards relevant to the site and plants or material to be brush cut /trimmed.		
4:01	RISK ASSESSMENT: Walk site; METHOD STATEMENT – verbal; EMERGENCY PLANNING – check information		
4:02	Inspect the work area for potential hazards such as stones, low branches or other potentially dangerous solid objects		
4:03	Protection of fauna, flora, wildlife, waterways, site specifications etc., regard given to pollution/damage, selection of fuel storage		
4:04	Check vegetation for other hazards, e.g. toxic plants or sap, thorny vegetation (e.g. brambles, hawthorns), insects and/or other biological hazards		
4:05	Use alkylate fuel whenever possible (machines with engine) or battery storage, charging & transport meets current guidelines (battery machines)		

EBS-5 OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS – Operator must be able to check Brush cutter/trimmer for pre-use safety:		
5:01	Check for damages and adjust harness, straps, and hook to appropriate working position (length, position, and balance)	
5:02	Safe Start method (ground)	
5:03	Safe start distance from fuel and other persons (min. 5 m or greater according to national guidance, no spillage, gases released)	
5:04	Check maximum speed of the cutting attachment and compatibility with the machine (label on the machine and cutting attachment)	
5:05	Check the cutting attachment does not rotate at idle speed	
5:06	On/off switch is working (pull choke to stop if not, then label not to be used) or remove battery for battery driven machines	

ECS-6 OPERATE IN A SAFE AND ERGONOMIC WAY & USE SAFE WORK METHODS Brush cutter /trimmer operator must be able to:		
6:01	Determine safety distances and exclusion zones from other people	
6:02	Place signs where necessary to warn the public and other workers of the risks.	C
6:03	Change different cutting heads, cutting line, blade, and deflector(s)'s attachments	
6:04	Always walk forwards while working	C
6:05	Operator must avoid contact with stones, rocks, pieces of metal, other solid foreign objects, and biohazards	
6:06	Use the throttle to cut safely and efficiently	
6:07	Cut/shred wild growth and scrub, lower the brush knife down onto the growth to achieve a shredding effect safely and efficiently (if operational different to recommended item, must be in risk assessment).	C
6:08	Working procedure (direction of cutting) is appropriate to deflection of material and proximity to obstacles according to working plan	
6:09	Do not damage the bark of trees, and/or respect seedlings or resprouts with the cutting device	
6:10	Use of cutting attachments appropriate diameter / density of plant material	
6:11	When brush cutting / trimming maintain a safe of at least 15 metres, or further if risk's assessment recommends	
6:12	Maintain an ergonomic stance: Straight back, use of legs to control balance, bending at knees	
6:13	Leave site tidy & safe	

CONCLUSIONS		
ASSESSMENT DATE:		
ASSESSMENT LOCATION:		
ASSESSMENT DURATION (min):		
CANDIDATE ID CHECKED BY ASSESSOR:		
OVERALL RESULT:	<u>Not Yet Competent</u> (Critical faults or cumulative minor faults not corrected)	<u>Competent</u> (Any minor faults corrected during assessment)
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Candidate comment on feedback and result:		
CANDIDATE (PRINT NAME & SIGN):		
ASSESSOR (PRINT NAME, ID NUMBER & SIGN):		