


Candidate name:		Feedback comments made to candidate as appropriate & Result (Green or Red)		G	R		
 Assessment Tasks & Criteria EBC No critical red mistakes and max. 4 yellow errors to succeed!				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]							
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR MAINTAINANCE							
EBC-1	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		G	R		
1:02	Face & eye protection as appropriate	c					
1:03	Personal /Squad First Aid Kit - on every work site	r					
1:04	Gloves appropriate to task						
EBC-2 ROUTINE BRUSH CUTTER / TRIMMER MAINTENANCE							
	Candidate to check <u>function</u> of safety features: (machine switched off)					G	R
2:01	Check for any damage to the machine	r					
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	r					
2:05	Air filter (machines with engine) or battery compartment (battery machines) clean and intact	r					
2:06	Exhaust and protective guard intact	r					
2:07	Anti-vibration system intact	r					
2:08	Recoil starter mechanism functions correctly (if combustion engine)						
2:09	Intact and secure operating or control handle, hand guards (if provided)	r					
2:10	Gearbox greased (if applicable)						
2:11	Functional clearly marked on/off switch						
SPECIFIC ROUTINE / daily BRUSH CUTTER; candidate must:					G	R	
2A:1	Check for damages to the cutting blade / head, and deflector guard	r					
2A:2	Sharpen Brush Cutter blade using file with handle fitted or soft grinding disc	r					
2A:3	Maintain or fit correct angles and Equal lengths of cutters						
2A:4	Remove Filing burrs if needed						
SPECIFIC ROUTINE / daily TRIMMER candidate must:					G	R	
2B:1	Check for damage to and function of the trimmer head, bearing and deflector guard	r					
2B:2	Ensure trimmer lines are equal and set to manufacturer's recommended length						
EBC-3	Take care of yourself (PPE) and others around you at work - Candidate to wear appropriate PPE for brushcutting					G	R
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	r					
3:05	Non snag-outer clothes						
3:06	Gloves appropriate to task						
3:07	Whistle/Mobile/Radio						
3:08	Protective strong clothing : 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)	r					
3:10	Manufacturer's handbook available with the machine, if not candidate knows where to find it (online)	r					

EBC-4	PLANNING THE WORK including what to do if there is an emergency. Candidate must identify hazards relevant to the site and plants or material to be brush cut /trimmed.		G	R
4:01	RISK ASSESSMENT: Walk site; METHOD STATEMENT – verbal; EMERGENCY PLANNING – check information	r		
4:02	Inspect the work area for potential hazards such as stones, low branches or other potentially dangerous solid objects	r		
4:03	Protection of fauna, flora, wildlife, waterways, site specifications etc., regard given to pollution/damage, selection of fuel storage	r		
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	r		
4:05	Use alkylate fuel whenever possible (if combustion engine) or battery storage, charging & transport meets current guidelines (battery machines)			
EBC-5	OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS – Candidate must check Brush cutter/trimmer for pre-use safety:		G	R
5:01	Check for damages and adjust harness, straps, and hook to appropriate working position (length, position, and balance)	r		
5:02	Safe Start method (ground)	r		
5:03	Safe start distance from fuel and other persons (min. 5 m or greater according to national guidance, no spillage, gases released)	r		
5:04	Check maximum speed of the cutting attachment and compatibility with the machine (label on the machine and cutting attachment)	r		
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			
EBC-6	OPERATE IN A SAFE AND ERGONOMIC WAY & USE SAFE WORK METHODS Attachement A: Candidate must:		G	R
6:01	Determine safety distances and exclusion zones from other people	r		
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	r		
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	r		
6:06	Use the throttle to cut safely and efficiently			
6:07	Cut/shred/trim wild growth and shrubs with an appropriate technique and attachment. 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	r		
6:09	Do not damage the bark of trees, and/or respect seedlings or resprouts with the cutting device	r		
6:10	Use of cutting attachments appropriate diameter / density of plant material	r		
6:11	When brush cutting / trimming maintain a safe of at least 15 metres, or further if risk's assessment recommends	r		
6:12	Maintain an ergonomic stance: Straight back, use of legs to control balance, bending at knees			
6:13	Leave site tidy & safe			

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CONCLUSIONS			
DATE & LOCATION:			
ASSESSMENT Time Start:		Time stop:	DURATION (min):
OVERALL RESULT:	Competent (Any minor faults corrected)	Not Yet Competent (Critical faults or cumulative minor faults not corrected)	nr.of WARNINGS:
	G	R	c: r:
Candidate comment on feedback and result:			
CANDIDATE: (print name & sign)			
ASSESSOR (print name & sign):			