

Candidate Name: _____



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 [EBC].

ASSESSMENT TASKS & CRITERIA EBC

No critical red mistakes and max. 3 yellow errors to succeed!

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	c	
1:02	• Face & eye protection as appropriate	c	
1:03	• Squad First Aid Kit - on every work site (personal kit must be worn by the operator)	c	
1:04	• Gloves appropriate to task		G

2. MAINTENANCE

Routine / daily BRUSH CUTTER 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	• Air filter (machines with combustion engine) or battery compartment (battery machines) clean and intact		
2:03	• Anti-vibration system intact		
2:04	• Fully compatible Blade/trimmer deflector guard fitted correctly	c	
2:05	• Throttle lock functioning correctly	c	
2:06	• Exhaust and protective guard intact	c	
2:07	• Spark plug (machines with combustion engine)		
2:08	• Legal symbols present: Head/eye/ear defender/ Safety distances	c	
2:09	• Recoil starter mechanism functions correctly (machines with combustion engine)		
2:10	• Control (bike) handle intact and secure		
2:11	• Gearbox greased (if applicable)		
2:12	• Functional clearly marked on/off switch		
2:13	• Harness: double shoulder, belt, and hook intact and properly fastened		
2:14	• Fuel tank and filter clean (machines with combustion engine) or battery secure & intact (battery machines)		G

Specific Routine / daily. BRUSH CUTTER operator must be able to:

2:A1	• Check for damages to the cutting blade / head, and deflector guard		
2:A2	• Sharpen Brush Cutter blade using file with handle fitted or soft grinding disc		
2:A3	• Maintain or fit correct angles and Equal lengths of cutters		
2:A4	• Remove Filing burrs if needed		G

Specific Routine / daily TRIMMER operator must be able to:

02:B1	• Check for damage to and function of the trimmer head, bearing and deflector guard		
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02:B2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure trimmer lines are equal and set to manufacturer's recommended length 		
3. SAFE AT WORK - PPE			
Brush cutter / trimmer operator must be able to wear appropriate PPE			
3:01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety boots 	C	
3:02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face & eye protection as appropriate to current regulations 	C	
3:03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ear's defenders or ear's protection 	C	
3:04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non snag clothes 		
3:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety helmet if necessary 		
3:06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Squad First Aid Kit - on every work site (personal kit must be worn by the operator) 	C	
3:07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gloves appropriate to task 		
3:08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whistle/Mobile/Radio 		
3:09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protective trousers, chaps or similar for protecting legs from thorns, debris etc. 		
3:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other PPE as highlighted by the risk assessment (e.g. shin guards, aprons, face protection visor, high visibility clothes) 	C	G R
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RISK ASSESSMENT: Walk site; METHOD STATEMENT – verbal; EMERGENCY PLANNING – check information 		G R
5. MEET LEGAL & SITE ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATIONAL STANDARDS.			
Brush cutter/Trimmer operator must be able to check specifications:			
5:01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protection of fauna, flora, wildlife, waterways, site specifications etc., regard given to pollution/damage, selection of fuel storage 		
5:02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of biofuel whenever possible (machines with combustion engine) or battery storage, charging & transport meets current guidelines (battery machines) 		
5:03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prevent waste or dispose of it without causing further damage, in accordance with the regulations, especially according to the standard for recyclable waste 		
5:04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Position warnings of Brush cutter/Trimmer work 	C	G R
6. OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS - Operator must be able to check Brush cutter for pre-use safety:			
6:01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjust harness, straps, and hook to appropriate working position (length, position, and balance) 		
6:02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe Start method (ground) 		
6:03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe start distance from fuel and other persons (min. 5 m or greater according to national guidance, no spillage, gases released) 		
6:04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check maximum speed of the cutting attachment 		
6:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On/off switch is working (pull choke to stop if not, then label not to be used) or remove battery for battery driven machines 		G R
7. INSPECT WORK AREA & VEGETATION: herbaceous, bushes and small vegetation			
7:01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inspect the work area: stones, pieces of metal or other solid objects. Check vegetation for other 	C	

	hazards e.g., toxic plant or sap, thorny vegetation and other bio-hazards		
7:02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine safety distances and exclusion zones from other people 		G R
8. OPERATE IN A SAFE AND ERGONOMIC WAY & USE SAFE WORK METHODS.			
Brush cutter /trimmer operator must be able to:			
8:01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change different cutting heads, cutting line, blade and deflector(s)'s attachments 		
8:02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working procedure (direction of cutting) is appropriate to deflection of material and proximity to obstacles according to working plan 		
8:03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always walk forwards while working 	C	
8:04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operator must avoid contact with stones, rocks, pieces of metal, other solid foreign objects and bio-hazards 		
8:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the throttle to cut safely and efficiently 		
8:06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cut/shred wild growth and scrub, lower the brush knife down onto the growth to achieve a shredding effect – always keep the cutting attachment below hip level during this process. 	C	
8:07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of cutting attachments appropriate diameter / density of plant material 		
8:08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operator must not damage bark of trees with the cutting attachment. 		
8:09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When brush cutting / trimming maintain a safe of at least 15 metres, or further if manufacturer recommends 		
8:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain an ergonomic stance: Straight back, use of legs to control balance, bending at knees 		
8:11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave site tidy & safe 		G R

CONCLUSIONS		
ASSESSMENT DATE:		
ASSESSMENT LOCATION:		
ASSESSMENT DURATION (min):		
CANDIDATE ID CHECKED BY ASSESSOR:		
OVERALL RESULT:	<p><u>Not Yet Competent</u> (Critical faults or cumulative minor faults not corrected)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R</p> <p>Nr of warnings: C: R:</p>	<p><u>Competent</u> (Any minor faults corrected during assessment)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">G</p>
Candidate comment on feedback and result:		
CANDIDATE (PRINT NAME & SIGN):		
ASSESSOR (PRINT NAME, ID NUMBER & SIGN):		