

European Chainsaw Certificate 2: Basic Tree Felling Techniques (Small Trees)

Guidelines for Site Requirements and Equipment for Assessment Centres/ Assessors:

(The complete assessment tasks are in the standards)

Site Requirements

- Score sheets, European Chainsaw Standards 2 (on paper or digital) and risk management forms must be available on site
- The candidate should be equipped with sufficient fuel and oil, appropriate to the make and model of the chainsaw.
- The candidate should be equipped with the correct aid tools as required for any necessary for felling, lifting, carrying or movement of timber.
- The candidate should be equipped with a chainsaw appropriate to their normal working environment in good condition with a recommended effective guidebar length of 300 - 380mm.
- Assessors should complete a pre-use inspection of all work equipment intended to be used during the course of the assessment to ensure equipment meets the requirements of suitability in terms of size, condition, safety features etc.
- Trees may be conifer or broadleaved
- Trees have to be in real forest situation (so that trees can be hung up)
- Size range: between 200mm and 380mm at felling height.
- Trees need to be fair to the candidate taking the assessment. He or she should not be asked to fell obviously dangerous trees or trees with excessive undergrowth. Nevertheless, risk assessment is an important assessment task the candidate needs to conduct.
- For each candidate at least two of the following tree types must be available:
 - Upright
 - Backward weighted
 - Forward weighted in the intended felling direction

Checklist For Assessors' Equipment – Assessment ECC2

Minimum requirements are:

Chainsaw:

- Spare Chainsaw with all Safety Features complying with current Directives, fully maintained and sharpened
- Maximum **recommended** guide-bar length: 380 mm
- Chain protection guard
- Regulation fuel & oil can (with fuel and oil!)
- Spare chain(s)
- Spare plug & starter cord (**Optional**)

Field Toolkit:

- All tools necessary for on-site maintenance & sharpening of chainsaws.
- Security marking tape

Aid Tools:

- Alloy or Nylon wedge
- Sledgehammer (or equivalent)
- Breaking bar / Cant hook
- Log lifting tongs (small) with belt & holster
- Loggers tape (**Optional**)
- Log pick / picaroon, etc (**Optional**)

If hung-up tree during ECC2 cannot be worked to the ground with hand tools by candidate → Winching Equipment to be used by assessor:

- Hand or mechanical winch (pulling force as appropriate, recommended 1.6 tonne minimum)
- Snatch Block compatible with winch
- Compatible shackles / strops / chokers etc.

If any items of the equipment above are not available to the candidate, please contact Assessment Centre in advance of Assessment taking place