### Overview

This standard is about controlling unwanted vegetation using appropriate methods. You could be working to a given specification that may define methods to be used but you will be expected to determine how to carry out these methods on site.

The vegetation includes competing, notifiable, hazardous and excessive growth. You are required to minimise and/or avoid damage to the surrounding trees, other plant and animal species and to any structures such as fences, paths and signs.

Control methods may be manual, motor-manual or chemical. "Mechanised" equipment can include brushwood cutter, chainsaw, clearing saw, strimmer etc. Chemicals and machinery must only be used if you have the appropriate certification.

This standard is for those controlling unwanted vegetation either following a specification or by determining the best method to use.
Performance criteria

You must be able to:

P1 assess the risks associated with the site and the proposed works
P2 select and implement appropriate working method in accordance with the assessed risks
P3 identify vegetation which requires control
P4 control unwanted vegetation in line with best practice and/or specification
P5 follow organisational and industry environmental good practice and minimise environmental damage
P6 maintain records as appropriate
P7 remove all waste and surplus materials and dispose of them as specified
P8 restore the site to a clean and tidy condition
P9 maintain the health and safety of yourself and others at all times in accordance with current legislation
Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

K1 how to identify hazards and assess risks
K2 how to identify **unwanted vegetation** and the best method of control
K3 how to assess risks and the **control measures** to be implemented
K4 how to select appropriate method and equipment for vegetation control
K5 the basic implications of terrain, ground conditions, vegetation, season and weather
K6 the impact of using chemicals on the environment and how to minimise environmental damage
K7 the use of mulching/mulch mats to aid the control of unwanted vegetation
K8 the potential impacts of your work on the environment and how these can be minimised
K9 the types of damage acceptable under various circumstances
K10 the correct methods of disposing of surplus materials and/or waste
K11 your responsibilities under current environmental, health and safety legislation and codes of practice
Control the following kinds of unwanted vegetation:
1. woody
2. herbaceous
3. grass
4. competing
5. hazardous
6. notifiable
7. excessive

Use the following control measures:
1. chemical
2. mechanical
3. manual
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