

LANLBOCU15v1 - SQA Unit Code F7S3 04

Assist with the maintenance of grass surfaces



Overview

This unit is about assisting with the maintenance of grass surfaces under close supervision. You will need to select, prepare and use tools and equipment (e.g. strimmers, pedestrian controlled mowers, edging irons, edging shears), check that the surface is in a suitable condition for maintenance and carry out maintenance. The maintenance covered in this unit includes; mowing, edging and watering. The final height of the grass should be 20 – 70mm.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

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- P1 select, prepare and use **tools and equipment** safely, efficiently and correctly
- P2 make sure that conditions and the surface are suitable for maintenance and the type of **tools and equipment** you will be using
- P3 use **methods** for maintaining grass surfaces safely and in accordance with instructions
- P4 carry out the work so that the grass height and edge trimmings meet requirements
- P5 report any problems as soon as possible to the appropriate person
- P6 minimise any damage to grass, other features, services and wildlife on the site
- P7 dispose of grass cuttings correctly
- P8 leave the site in a clean and tidy condition
- P9 clean and store **tools and equipment** promptly and securely
- P10 maintain the health and safety of yourself and others at all times

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

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- K1 the conditions that are appropriate for maintaining grass surfaces
- K2 the correct tools and equipment for the work
- K3 how to prepare and use the required tools and equipment safely and efficiently
- K4 how to identify when the height of grass and finish of edges meets requirements
- K5 how to dispose of grass cuttings
- K6 the importance of cleaning and storing the tools and equipment promptly and securely
- K7 the hazards and relevant legislation and codes of practice covering this area of work

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Additional Information

Scope/range

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1. select and use all of the following types of **tools and equipment**:
 - 1.1. hand tools
 - 1.2. pedestrian controlled powered equipment

2. use all of the following **methods** to maintain the grass:
 - 2.1. mowing
 - 2.2. edging
 - 2.3. watering

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