



Code of Practice for personnel electrical safety for vegetation control work near live power lines, August 2023 amendment (the Code)

Changes to the “Code of Practice for personnel electrical safety for vegetation control work near live power lines” July (2012) – Amended May 2021 include:

Replacement of “Occupational Health and Safety” (OHS) with “Work Health and Safety” (WHS) throughout the Code to align with the Work Health and Safety Act 2020.

Section 6.6

Replacement of “completely enclosed” which restricts some acceptable plant types from working in the danger zone, with “electrically and mechanically protected”.

Section 8.3

Additional final paragraph;

“The RTO will also advise the service provider of any pre-requisite requirements and the impact they may have on training units and their delivery” has been added to identify that the Registered Training Organisation is responsible for assessing whether the prior training complies with the requirements of the training to be delivered.

Section 8.3.2

Training unit “UETDRVC001 - Apply work health and safety requirements for powerline vegetation control” which matches current arboreal training has been added as an option to “CPCCWHS2001 - Apply WHS requirements, policies and procedures in the construction industry”.

While virtually all training unit references for the remainder of Section 8.3.2 have changed, the descriptions of current units is the same or reflects the previous superseded units training requirements. For example;

“HLTAID002 - Provide basic emergency life support” has been replaced by

“HLTAID010 - Provide basic emergency life support”

and

“HLTFA311A - Apply First Aid” has been replaced by

“HLTAID011 - Provide First Aid”.