

# Tree Assessment (ShortCourse)

COURSE CODE	NAPHRT0002
LOCATIONS	Warrnambool, Portland, Hamilton, Colac, Workplace training
STUDY MODE	Short Course
Length	One day
Commencement	Follow the book now button for upcoming dates
Timetable	One day - 9am to 4pm.

## Course Overview

*This section gives you an introduction to what you will be learning in this course, plus course outcomes, career opportunities, and student support.*

### Introduction

This hands-on course is designed to build confidence in assessing tree health, structure, and risk. You will learn how to identify defects, understand how trees respond to stress and wind load, and apply Australian Standards to real-world tree management decisions.

This course is ideal for arborists, grounds staff, landscapers, and anyone involved in tree assessment or maintenance.

### What will I Learn?

During this course you will learn:

- Root plate and Structural Root Zone (SRZ) inspection,
- Tree stability, balance, symmetry, and suppression,
- Identification of common tree faults, including:
  - Deadwood and hanging limbs
  - Delamination and structural weaknesses
  - Included vs excluded bark unions
  - Bifurcated stems
- Tree health indicators: pests, disease, dieback, wounds, and previous failures,
- Trees as habitat for local wildlife.

You will also learn about tree biology, tree protection and standards and pruning principles.

This course will help you to:

- Conduct clear, basic visual tree assessments,
- Identify defects affecting safety and longevity,
- Understand how trees respond to pruning and environmental stress,
- Apply Australian Standards confidently,
- Make informed decisions on when to seek further professional advice.

### Information Session

Why don't you come along to our next course info session to find out everything you need to start your learning journey? You can chat with our teachers, tour our facilities, learn more about the course, find out about the application process and get your questions answered by our course experts.

**[Find the next info session near you](#)**

# Course Requirements

*This section gives you an overview of entry requirements, course units and electives, skills recognition, and assessment criteria.*

## Course requirements

To enrol in this course, you must be at least 16 years old.

## Units offered

This does not include accredited training.

## Fees

*This section gives you an overview of course fees, subsidies, and how they can be paid.*

## Course Fees

Here's an outline of fees and costs associated with your course.

**Your fees each year can be made up of 3 different elements.** Everyone has different circumstances that can affect what you pay and how much you pay. :

1. Tuition fees - charged as an hourly rate that varies from course to course. A large portion of the tuition is subsidised by the Victorian Government for eligible students.
2. Resource and/or materials costs - covers the cost of materials and other incidentals. This fee will vary according to the course being undertaken.
3. Booklist items - such as textbooks, equipment and stationery recommended for your course

## Tuition fees

**There are 4 different rates of tuition fees.** Only one will apply to you (depending on your eligibility and circumstances).

1. **Government Subsidised Fee** - you could be eligible for a government-subsidised rate under the Skills First funding depending on your age, educational history, and citizenship or residency status. If you are eligible, the government will contribute to the cost of your training.  
[Find out more about subsidised training](#)
2. **Government Subsidised Concession Fee** - If you are eligible for a Skills First government-subsidised place and hold a current healthcare or pension card, that you can provide at enrolment, you may be eligible for the concession rate. Note, the concession rate is not applicable to Diploma level courses.  
[Find out more about concession rates](#)
3. **If the course is a Free TAFE course or part of the Free TAFE Pathways Program** - Eligible students will not pay course tuition fees for the duration of their enrolment in this course, however, there may be some consumable/material fees for the course (find out more below). Any resource or material costs, or booklist items for this course are listed in the table below.  
[Find out more about Free TAFE](#)  
[Find out more about Free TAFE Pathways Programs](#)
4. **Full fee** - If you are not eligible for a Skills First government-subsidised place, exemption, concession or are enrolling in a course that isn't government-subsidised, you may be required to pay the full fee rate.

### **FIND OUT MORE ABOUT FEES AND ELIGIBILITY**

The fees listed below are indicative only. The course fees published are subject to change given individual circumstances at enrolment. Course fee funding is made available to eligible individuals by the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments. If funding is utilised, this may affect opportunities to access additional funding in the future. An accurate quote for this course will be provided during the enrolment process.

<b>Course Fees</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
<i>No concession or government funding applies</i>	
<b>Additional course fees</b>	<b>Indicative Course Fee</b>
Course consumable/materials (approximate)	\$0.00

## Resource and/or materials costs

Some courses require specific resources or materials necessary for your study eg: tools of the trade, excursions, etc. Final costs will be determined upon enrolment.

## How do I pay my fees?

Once we have processed your enrolment form, you will receive an email with your invoice.

You have [three options when organising your payment](#):

1. [Upfront payment](#) - can be made over the phone with EFTPOS
2. [Payment plan](#) - can be directly debited from your bank account or via a [VET Student Loan](#) (for diploma or advanced diploma courses only)
3. [Paid by employer, school or job network agency](#) - if your fees are being paid by your employer, school or job network agency, you will need to complete an Authority to Invoice form.

Payments will need to be arranged within five(5) business days of receiving the email containing your invoice.

We also offer a range of [scholarships](#) each year which you may be eligible to apply for to assist with course fees.

## Next Steps

*Ready to take the next step? Here you can [make an enquiry](#), [attend an information session](#) or [begin the application process](#).*

## How to apply

There are [five simple steps to apply for a course](#) with us.

1. Apply - complete a [short online application form](#). Once this form is submitted we'll send you a thank-you email.
2. Literacy and Numeracy Assessment - we will assess whether you need to undertake a Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) assessment and email it to you if required.  
If you are not required to undertake this assessment, you will skip to step 3.
3. Chat to our team - your teacher or course specialist will contact you to discuss the course in more detail and ensure the right units of study are selected for you.
4. Enrol – you will be sent an email to accept your offer for the course. By accepting, you will be directed to verify your details and submit your enrolment for processing.
5. Pay - once we've completed your enrolment, we will send you an invoice to arrange [payment of your course fees](#).

If you need any assistance with applying, [contact our team](#) on 1300 648 911 or visit your nearest campus.

## How to book for a short course

There are 5 simple steps when booking a short course with us.

1. **Book** – Book online and complete our enrolment details at [swtafe.edu.au](http://swtafe.edu.au)
2. **Verify** – You will be asked to verify your identity online as part of the booking process.
3. **Pay** – Pay online, in person, over the phone, or request an invoice for third-party payment.
4. **Assessment** – Some courses require a Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) assessment. We'll let you know if it's needed.

5. **Attend** – Once confirmed, we'll email all the course details and any pre-reading required.

If need any assistance with completing your booking, contact our team via the live chat below, call 1300 648 911 or [visit your nearest campus](#).

## Careers and Course Advice

Not sure which course is right for you? South West TAFE will help you find your way.

Our Careers Coaches at the [Skills and Jobs Centre](#) is here to support you. Whether you're exploring career options, transitioning from school to the workforce or looking to study after school we're here to help you.

## Student Support

As a SWTAFE student, you can access a variety of support services that will enhance your study experience and help you complete your studies successfully. For more information about any of these services, [visit our student page](#).