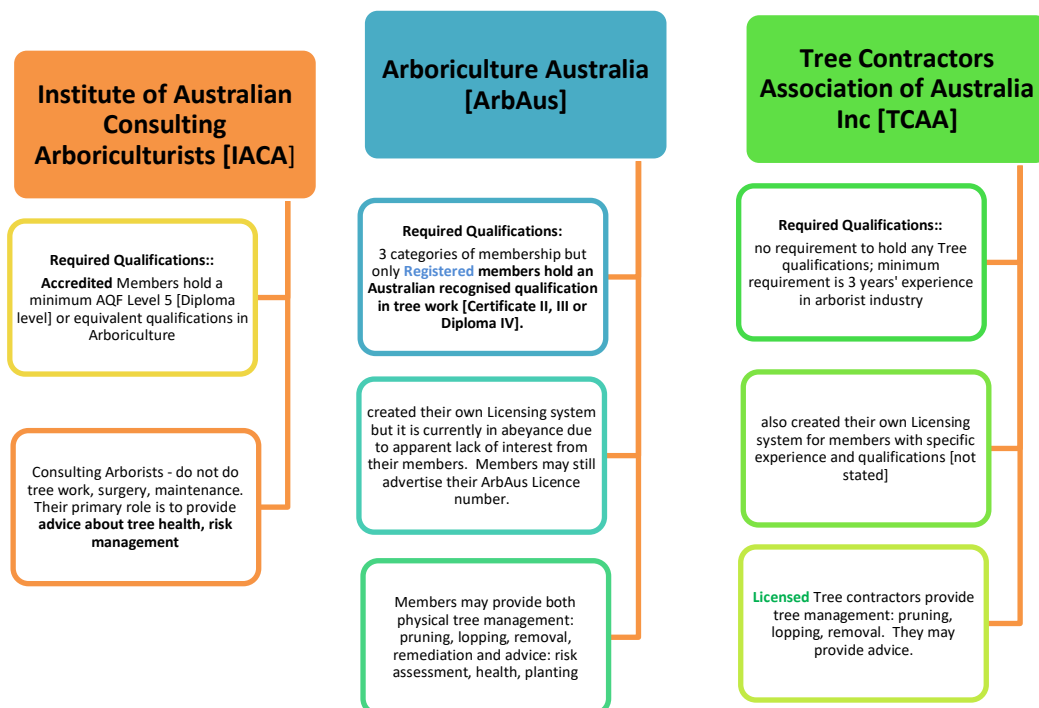


The Tree Services [Arboriculture] Industry in NSW

There is no Government regulated licensing of tree workers in Australia. Currently there are various self-regulated industry associations which require different levels of qualifications and/or experience to gain membership, consequently it can be difficult to know exactly what level of qualification and experience you can expect from any tree work business or individual. Below is a diagram which attempts to provide a simplified overview of the different associations and what their members can offer.

The best guide to ensuring you receive the type of advice and tree work you may require is to ask for the individual's level of qualification [see over page] and their industry association membership. All industry associations usually also require standard business credentials [ABN, insurance, etc] from their Accredited/Registered/Licensed members. Yes, they all have their own nomenclature to describe their levels of membership.

Who do I use?



- An IACA Accredited member can provide independent advice about the health, potential risk, and management of a tree; they do not do physical tree work but provide both verbal and written advice/Reports. Most Councils require an IACA Accredited member to provide Tree Assessment Reports for development applications, etc.
- An ArbAust Registered Member can provide a range of tree services – physical tree work and/or advice. You should ask for their level of qualification to determine what they are qualified to provide.
- A Licensed TCAA member can provide tree services and advice. Again, you should ask for their level of qualification to determine what they are qualified to provide.

Understanding the different levels of Arboriculture qualifications in Australia and what it means for you and your trees:

Entry level qualifications [Cert II] enable a person to assist at ground level; Cert III qualifications enable a person to climb trees and use a variety of tree management techniques. Diploma V qualifies a person to assess the tree's health and recommend tree management strategies. As you will see from the lists of Core and Elective units studied at each level of qualification, Diploma V-holders focus on assessment and management; Cert II and Cert III carry out the management strategies. In reality, many people operating at the Cert III level also hold a Diploma [and vice-a-versa] and can provide both qualified tree management advice and the practical skills to carry out that advice.

Note that there are also university qualifications in arboriculture, forestry management, tree science which provide the knowledge and skills for tree management advice.

DIPLOMA OF ARBORICULTURE [known as a Level V qualification under the Australian Government's AQF - Australian Quality Framework – standards for education scheme]

The nationally recognised Diploma of Arboriculture is a specialist qualification that prepares an individual to become a professional [consulting] arborist. Course covers theoretical and practical course work:

- Diagnose tree diseases and their treatment
- Identify, select, and specify plants for landscapes
- Develop work, health and safety plans, and tree risk assessments
- Develop impact assessment reports
- Prepare computer-aided drawing (CAD) arboriculture plans
- Prepare estimates, quotes, tenders and reports

Core Units

Number	Title
AHCARB504	Develop an arboricultural impact assessment report
AHCARB602	Diagnose tree diseases
AHCARB505	Document and audit tree work
AHCARB601	Examine and assess trees
AHCARB502	Identify, select and specify trees
AHCWRK508	Interpret legislation
AHCARB506	Prepare arborist reports

Elective Units

Number	Title
AHCARB313	Identify trees
AHCARB302	Inspect trees for access and work
AHCARB403	Perform a ground-based tree defect evaluation

CERTIFICATE III IN ARBORICULTURE [known as a Level III qualification under the Australian Government's AQF - Australian Quality Framework – standards for education scheme]

The nationally recognised qualification provides trade level knowledge and skills in the arboriculture industry, including:

- Health and safety
- Aerial rigging

- Arboriculture techniques and practices
- Specialised machinery operation
- How to use chemicals

Core Units

Number Title

AHCARB302	Inspect trees for access and work
AHCARB303	Perform pruning operations
AHCARB311	Tie, dress, set and finish arborist knots
AHCARB313	Identify trees
AHCWRK305	Coordinate work site activities
BSBWOR204	Use business technology
CPCWHS1001	Prepare to work safely in the construction industry
FWPCOT2237	Maintain chainsaws
FWPCOT2239	Trim and cut felled trees
FWPCOT3238	Operate a pole saw
FWPFGM3212	Fall trees manually (intermediate)
HLTAID003	Provide first aid
TLID1001	Shift materials safely using manual handling methods
UETTDREL14A	Working safely near live electrical apparatus as a non-electrical worker

Elective Units

Number

Title

AHCARB207	Perform ground based rigging
AHCARB312	Use standard climbing techniques to access trees
AHCCHM304	Transport and store chemicals
FWPCOT2236	Fall trees manually (basic)
AHCCHM303	Prepare and apply chemicals
AHCARB307	Use advanced climbing techniques
AHCARB301	Implement a tree maintenance program
AHCARB306	Undertake aerial rescue
AHCARB305	Dismantle trees

CERTIFICATE II IN ARBORICULTURE [known as a Level II qualification under the Australian Government's AQF - Australian Quality Framework – standards for education scheme]

This qualification provides occupation outcomes with knowledge and skills to undertake a range of ground-based tree work activities and as a pathway for further learning required for tree workers in the arboriculture industry.

Core Units

Number

Title

AHCARB208	Recognise trees
AHCARB209	Assist with aerial rescue from the ground
FWPCOT2236	Fall trees manually (basic)
FWPCOT2237	Maintain chainsaws
FWPHAR2206	Operate a mobile chipper/mulcher
AHCARB207	Perform ground based rigging
AHCARB303	Perform pruning operations
HLTAID003	Provide first aid
TLID1001	Shift materials safely using manual handling methods
AHCARB311	Tie, dress, set and finish arborist knots
FWPCOT2239	Trim and cut felled trees
AHCARB210	Work effectively in the arboriculture industry
CPCOHS1001A	Work safely in the construction industry
UETTDREL14A	Working safely near live electrical apparatus as a non-electrical worker

Elective Units

Number

Title

AHCARB201	Apply a range of treatments to trees
AHCCHM201	Apply chemicals under supervision
AHCSOL202	Assist with soil or growing media sampling and testing
FWPCOT3238	Operate a pole saw
AHCPGD201	Plant trees and shrubs
HLTAID001	Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation