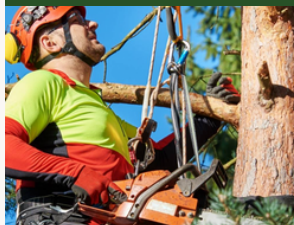


Arboriculture Career Pathways

Discover a career in Arboriculture! Arboriculture blends science, skill, and technology in the expert care and management of trees. It's a dynamic field offering a wide range of roles—from hands-on tree work to research and consulting. Explore the many career paths in arboriculture and find the one that suits you!

Climbing Arborist - starting salary \$75,000 - \$80,000 pa - Cert III Arboriculture



Climbing Arborists are trained specialists in aerial tree work, carrying out tasks such as pruning, trimming, canopy reductions, inspections, and tree removals. These professionals perform complex climbing operations using advanced rigging techniques—and sometimes even cranes or helicopters. Apprenticeships and training on the job can be available. Many climbing arborists self employed and earn **\$30-\$60 per hour**.

Vegetation Utility Arborist - starting salary \$70,000 - \$95,000 pa - Cert II in ESI



Utility Arborists manage vegetation near powerlines, safely removing branches and trees through pruning, rigging, and felling. They work at heights using climbing gear, EWP's, and other equipment across urban, rural, and remote areas. Traineeship or apprenticeship can often be provided on the job. An experienced utility arborist who has undergone further training can earn up to **\$150,000 pa**.

Groundsperson - starting salary \$45,000 - \$60,000 pa



A **Groundsperson** supports tree crews with ground-based tasks like pruning, removals, rigging, and truck driving. While it's often an entry-level role, it can grow into a specialised career involving skills like aerial rescue, technical felling, and operating machinery or elevated platforms. On the job training is usually available. Traineeship or apprenticeship can often be provided on the job. An experienced Groundsperson can be self employed and earn **\$35-\$45 per hour**.

Consulting Arborist - starting salary \$70,000 - \$95,000 pa - Cert V or higher



Consulting Arborists are qualified tree experts who assess tree health, safety, and preservation. You can think of them as trusted authorities on tree health, safety, and preservation within our built and natural environments. Experienced Consulting Arborists can run their own business and earn **\$150,000 or more** per year.

Council Arborist - starting salary \$74,000 - \$80,000 pa - Cert III in Arboriculture



A **Council Arborist, or an Urban Forestry Arborist**, is a qualified professional responsible for the long-term care and management of public trees in urban areas. Their work includes developing and implementing tree management plans — covering planting, pruning, protection, and removals — along with budgeting and community engagement. Apprenticeships can be available, and training opportunities on the job up to Diploma level can be provided. This can be a long-term career with a salary up to **\$120,000** per year or more.

Your Arboriculture Journey Starts Here

From Treetops to City Streets

Check out some of the exciting job options available – from climbing arborist to urban forester – and see where your interests can take you. With dedication, hands-on experience, and the right training, you can grow your way into a rewarding career.

Your future in trees starts here!

