

What you get & what we're going to do



**You'll be a
Tree Risk-Benefit Validator
for 5 years**

Training takes two days

Cost is \$990

16 Hours of CPD/CEU



**We're going to be outside quite a
lot playing with the App**

**You'll need to complete
these three tasks**

We'll supply tea and coffee

There's no annual license fee, and you'll be listed as a Validator in the **Find an Arborist** directory for 5 years. Then, every 5 years there'll be a one day training workshop top-up that you'll need to come along to. You'll get access to the Community support page of the website, which is only available to Validators. Here you can ask for help, exchange ideas, and get hold other useful stuff like TreeCalc support.

The two main aims of the training are, firstly, to get you comfortable using the App so that you can carry out Detailed assessments with it. This is what we'll be spending most of the time doing.

Secondly, to get to grips with VALID's **Tree Risk-Benefit Management Strategies**. If you assess trees, so you can give it to your clients and add value to your service. If you manage trees, so you can adopt it.

The main training areas are;

- All you need to know about tree risk and how to measure it
- The management strategies and levels of assessment
- How to drive the App
- Likelihood of Occupancy calibration and 'target' zoning
- How each letter of VALID, Vitality, Anatomy, Load, Identity, and Decay affects your likelihood of failure decision-making
- Biomechanics and how to use TreeCalc to calculate safety factors
- Likelihood of Failure calibration
- Case studies and risk reduction management
- Last thing we do - a live firing exercise as though instructed by a client

What you'll need to bring along

- Tablet/smartphone (iOS or Android) - don't forget your charger
- Waterproofing for your tablet/smartphone (in case it rains)
- Clothes and footwear suitable for the weather on the day
- Something to take notes with
- Tree measuring equipment that you usually use

After training

After training, you'll need to do these three things.

- 1) A Detailed assessment of a tree of your choice using the App.
- 2) A video of Very High, High, and Moderate Likelihood of Occupancy.
- 3) A TreeCalc assessment of a tree with decay, and an early-mature tree with no decay.

Lunch

You'll either need to bring along a packed lunch on both days, or grab something to eat whilst we're out (there'll be plenty of options). Being free of catering frees us up so you can get the most value out of the training. Around lunchtime on both days we're going to be driving or walking a short distance to a site for outside exercises.