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**Assessment Requirements for
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practices on Country**

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Modification History

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Release 1	This version released with Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 9.0.

Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has implemented cultural burning practices on Country at least once and has:

- identified appropriate Cultural Authorities for a Community, place or site
- consulted and collaborated with local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and non-Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander stakeholders
- followed work health and safety policies and procedures throughout the burn process to protect self and others
- selected and used personal protective equipment (PPE)
- applied traditional cultural burning techniques
- followed burn plans and controlled burning operations according to organisation's procedures to:
 - protect cultural sites, assets and entertainment areas according to local Community protocols and requirements
 - protect life and property and conserve fauna and flora species during burning
 - achieve the correct intensity of burn
 - maintain biosecurity
 - meet environmental sustainability requirements
- adhered to organisational safety and environmental protection policies and procedures
- selected existing, and constructed additional fire breaks according to organisational requirements to maintain control of fire
- ignited fires according to burn plan and organisational procedures
- used radio communication according to organisational procedures
- applied appropriate animal welfare practices when handling and moving animals in preparation for the burn.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- Cultural Authorities within the local Community
- traditional cultural knowledge of:
 - seasonal conditions
 - historical information on burns
 - local cultural ceremonial requirements
- traditional rationale and techniques for cultural burning
- the life cycles of flora and fauna of forests/plantations and effect of burning operations
- required intensity and appropriate frequency of fire
- sequence, location and pattern of recent and historical fire burns
- ceremonial requirements for fire practices
- seasonal cycle of weather patterns
- work health and safety policies and procedures, including use of PPE
- protocols and procedures for use of radio equipment
- emergency procedures
- ignition techniques and patterns
- fire control techniques
- emergency fire services
- organisational policies and procedures for conservation of places of cultural significance
- key concepts of Cultural and Heritage legislation or National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) legislation relevant to own prescribed burns
- sustainable environmental practices
- safety procedures for conducting fire operations
- organisational work health and safety policies and procedures for carrying out controlled burning
- basic requirements for ensuring the welfare of animals described in the relevant codes of practice.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated on Country and/or within an Aboriginal Community or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - PPE
 - radio communications equipment
 - ignition devices

- firefighting equipment
- specifications:
 - legislation/codes of practice relevant to cultural burning practices
 - organisation's policies and procedures relevant to cultural burning practices
- relationships:
 - local Community Elders and/or Custodians.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards. In addition, the following specific assessor requirements apply to this unit:

- Assessment must be undertaken by a workplace assessor who has expertise in this unit of competency and who is:
 - an Aboriginal Elder and/or Custodian

or:

- accompanied by, and/or in communication with, an Aboriginal person who is a recognised member of the community with experience and knowledge of local cultural protocols.

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -
<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>