



Australian Government

AHC30318 Certificate III in Rural and Environmental Pest Management

Release 1

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 3.0.

Qualification Description

This qualification describes the skills and knowledge required for pest management contractors, pest management field officers, vertebrate pest management field officers and weed management field officers in the pest management industry.

The qualification covers those who work in weed management as well as vertebrate pest management in conservation, land management, horticulture and agriculture settings.

Individuals in these roles work under general direction and:

- participate in strategic invasive species management practices
- prepare for management programs
- complete and assess management programs
- carry out weed management programs that require chemical spraying
- maintain required records.

State or territory licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply in some jurisdictions.

Entry Requirements

There are no entry requirements for this qualification.

Packaging Rules

To achieve this qualification, competency must be demonstrated in:

- 14 units of competency:
 - 6 core units plus
 - 8 elective units.

Elective units must ensure the integrity of the qualification's Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) alignment and contribute to a valid, industry-supported vocational outcome.

For the award of Certificate III in Rural and Environmental Pest Management the electives are to be chosen as follows:

- 6 units must be selected from the elective groups A, B, C, D or E
- Up to 2 units from the remaining electives or any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course packaged to reflect AQF Certificate II, III or IV outcomes.

Where appropriate, electives may be packaged to provide a qualification with a specialisation.

For the award of Certificate III in Rural and Environmental Pest Management (Pest animal controller) the electives are to be chosen as follows:

- 5 units must be selected from the elective group A
- 1 unit must be selected from the elective group C or E
- 2 units must be selected from remaining electives in group C and E or any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course packaged to reflect AQF Certificate II, III or IV outcomes.

For the award of Certificate III in Rural and Environmental Pest Management (Weed Controller) the electives are to be chosen as follows:

- 2 units must be selected from the electives group B
- 1 unit, AHC BIO201 Inspect and clean machinery for plant, animal and soil material, must be selected
- 3 units must be selected from the elective group D or E
- 2 units must be selected from remaining group D or E or any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course packaged to reflect AQF Certificate II, III or IV outcomes.

Core Units

AHCCHM30 4	Transport and store chemicals
AHCCHM30 7	Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds and diseases
AHCPMG20 3	Work effectively in a pest management environment
AHCPMG30 6	Determine pest control techniques
AHCPMG30 8	Implement pest management strategies
AHCWHS30 1	Contribute to work health and safety processes

Elective Units

Group A (Pest Controller)

AHCFAU201	Recognise fauna
AHCPMG304	Use firearms to humanely destroy animals
AHCPMG307	Apply animal trapping techniques
AHCPMG309	Apply pest animal control techniques
AHCPMG312	Apply poison baits for vertebrate pest control in rural and environmental landscapes

Group B (Weed Controller)

AHCPCM303	Identify plant specimens
AHCPMG301	Control weeds

Group C (Vertebrate Pests)

AHCCHM310	Conduct manual fumigation of vertebrate and invertebrate pests
AHCPMG311	Use firearms for pest control activities from aircraft
AHCPMG414	Apply predator trapping techniques

Group D (Weeds)

AHCPCM202	Collect, prepare and preserve plant specimens
AHCPMG313	Prepare, monitor and maintain biological agents for weeds

Group E (General)

AHCBIO201	Inspect and clean machinery for plant, animal and soil material
AHCBIO305	Apply biosecurity measures

AHCEXP301	Handle and store explosives
AHCMOM30 2	Perform machinery maintenance
AHCMOM30 4	Operate machinery and equipment
AHCMOM31 5	Operate chemical application machinery and equipment
AHCNAR30 6	Conduct photography for fieldwork
AHCNAR30 7	Read and interpret maps
AHCPMG30 2	Control plant pests, diseases and disorders
AHCPMG30 5	Survey pests
AHCPMG41 3	Define the pest problem
AHCWRK30 2	Monitor weather conditions
AHCWRK30 3	Respond to emergencies
AHCWRK30 5	Coordinate work site activities
AHCWRK30 9	Apply environmentally sustainable work practices
AHCWRK31 1	Conduct site inspections
AHCWRK31 2	Operate in isolated and remote situations
FWPCOT320 2	Navigate in remote or trackless areas
FWPCOT325	Operate a four wheel drive on unsealed roads

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HLTAID003	Provide first aid
HLTAID005	Provide first aid in remote situations

Qualification Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHC30318 Certificate III in Rural and Environmental Pest Management	AHC33616 Certificate III in Pest Management	Change to Core units and introduction of specialisation streams. Title changed to differentiate from Urban Pest Management	No equivalent qualification

Links

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