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**AHCBER402 Carry out field surveillance
for a specific emergency disease or plant
pest**

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Modification History

Release	TP Version	Comment
1	AHCv1.0	Initial release

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to carry out field surveillance for a specific emergency disease or plant pest.

The unit applies to personnel who have been appointed or engaged as part of a field surveillance team to undertake a role within an emergency disease or plant pest incursion response. Field surveillance teams work under instructions from the control centre.

This unit applies to individuals who take responsibility for their own work and for the quality of the work of others within known parameters. They use discretion and judgement in the selection, allocation and use of available resources.

No occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements are known to apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil.

Unit Sector

Emergency Response (BER)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Element	Performance criteria
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Look for signs of a specific emergency disease or plant pest	1.1 Receive and confirm work instructions from surveillance coordinator or other appropriate authority 1.2 Identify signs of an emergency disease or plant pest, collect appropriate samples for testing, and gather evidence to support a diagnosis according to relevant standards and protocols

Element	Performance criteria
	1.3 Access appropriate available expertise to assist in diagnosis 1.4 Collect, handle, package and dispatch diagnostic samples according to relevant standards and protocols
2. Respond to an emergency disease or plant pest	2.1 Alert surveillance coordinator when signs of an emergency disease or plant pest are found 2.2 Take appropriate measures to immediately contain emergency disease or plant pest according to instructions from control centre and relevant guidelines 2.3 Collect information relevant to management of emergency disease or plant pest outbreak and report to surveillance coordinator 2.4 Give directions and warnings to property owners or persons in charge about suspected emergency disease or plant pest 2.5 Conduct personal decontamination and, where appropriate, equipment and vehicle decontamination according to relevant standards and protocols for emergency disease or plant pest

Foundation Skills

Foundation Skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

Unit Mapping Information

This unit is equivalent to AHC BIO402A Carry out field surveillance for a specific emergency disease or plant pest.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>