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# **AHCMDC202 Assist with care and maintenance of medicinal cannabis**

**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 6.0.

## Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to provide assistance in the care and maintenance of medicinal cannabis plants during vegetative and flowering stages. It includes the care and maintenance of mother plants that are kept in the vegetative stage. It requires the ability to prepare self, tools, equipment and materials for maintenance tasks, assist with trimming, training and repotting tasks, assist with monitoring plant health and environmental climate conditions and reporting abnormalities, record and report on care and maintenance data, and clean up on completion.

The unit applies to individuals who carry out a range of routine maintenance tasks on a licensed medicinal cannabis production site under the direction of a supervisor.

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

## Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

## Unit Sector

Medicinal Cannabis (MDC)

## Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Prepare for medicinal cannabis care and maintenance tasks	1.1 Identify and confirm plant care and maintenance tasks, workplace procedures and specifications with supervisor 1.2 Recognise health and safety hazards, and report safety concerns

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	<p>1.3 Collect required tools, equipment and materials for the task, and check for approval and functionality</p> <p>1.4 Fit and use personal protective equipment according to health and safety and hygiene requirements</p> <p>1.5 Apply personal hygiene and tool and equipment sanitation procedures</p> <p>1.6 Check cultivation work area is clean and free of waste on entering secured area</p>
2. Assist with maintaining plants	<p>2.1 Identify and inspect medicinal cannabis plants, including mother plants, to be maintained, and confirm quantity and weights with supervisor</p> <p>2.2 Assist with trimming and training tasks according to supervisor instructions</p> <p>2.3 Use tools and equipment safely and cautiously around growing systems while maintaining plants</p> <p>2.4 Assist with repotting tasks, using required techniques for growing media used</p> <p>2.5 Assist with water and nutrient requirements following trimming and repotting tasks</p> <p>2.6 Use safe practices to transfer pots between vegetative and flowering cultivation areas, ensuring areas are clear of waste before moving plants</p> <p>2.7 Record required data according to workplace quality procedures, reporting any deviations from quantity and weights</p>
3. Assist with monitoring plant health and climate conditions during <b>vegetative</b> and flowering stages	<p>3.1 Confirm quantity and weights of plants to be monitored with supervisor</p> <p>3.2 Assist with monitoring plant health according to monitoring schedule, and report abnormalities as required</p> <p>3.3 Check for signs of disease or pests, and report presence or potential of disease or pests as required</p> <p>3.4 Assist with monitoring water and nutrient and climate control levels according to specifications, and report levels that are out of acceptable range</p> <p>3.5 Assist with monitoring growth, health and climate conditions for mother plants to ensure that they remain in a vegetative stage, and</p>

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	<p>report abnormalities as required</p> <p>3.6 Keep growing system clean and free from plant waste at all times</p> <p>3.7 Record required data according to workplace quality procedures, reporting any deviations from quantity and weights</p>
4. Clean up after care and maintenance tasks	<p>4.1 Clean and sanitise cultivation work area before safely leaving secured area</p> <p>4.2 Weigh, record and place plant waste in designated containers according to workplace and regulatory requirements</p> <p>4.3 Dispose of material waste safely according to workplace procedures</p> <p>4.4 Check, clean and sanitise and store tools and equipment, reporting identified repair requirements to supervisor</p>

## Foundation Skills

*This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.*

<b>Skill</b>	<b>Description</b>
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interpret textual information from a range of sources to identify relevant and key information about specifications, workplace procedures and regulatory requirements</li> </ul>
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use clear language and industry terminology to complete workplace records and labels</li> </ul>
Oral communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use clear language and terminology to report abnormalities of plant health and environmental climate conditions, repair requirements, and any deviation from recorded quantities and weights</li> </ul>
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct simple counts and weight calculations of plant material</li> <li>Interpret numerical data from climate control gauges</li> </ul>

## Unit Mapping Information

<b>Code and title current version</b>	<b>Code and title previous version</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Equivalence status</b>
AHCMDC202 Assist with care and maintenance of medicinal cannabis	Not applicable	The unit has been created to address an emerging skill or task required by industry	Newly created

## Links

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