



Australian Government

AHCPMG301 Control weeds

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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 plan and coordinate weed control activities.

This unit applies to workers in agriculture, horticulture or land management-based enterprises who are required to carry out the control of weed infestations using cultural, biological and chemical methods to provide effective, economical control of weeds while minimising damage to the environment.

The unit applies to workers who demonstrate autonomy and judgement and take limited responsibility in known contexts.

Individuals operating in this field who use chemicals for weed control are required to hold current chemical handling certification. Other licensing conditions may also apply to this unit. Specific determination should be sought through the relevant State or Territory.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil.

Unit Sector

Pest Management (PMG)

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. Assess weed infestation	1.1 Record details of weeds and potential for weeds in target area 1.2 Identify the scope, stage and size of the weed infestation that adversely impacts on the landscape or production 1.3 Determine if plant health or growth or production requirements are compromised by level of infestation 1.4 Identify tolerable levels of infestation according to client, legislation, market, environmental and Integrated Pest Management requirements 1.5 Seek professional advice or conduct research on possible approaches to control of the weed infestation 1.6 Identify non-target plant and animal species present in the area 1.7 Assess the site for access, suitability of control measures, work health and safety and environmental risk
2. Plan control measures	2.1 Determine suitable control options according to Integrated Pest Management principles, legislative requirements and industry practice 2.2 Identify, assess, and control risks to all stakeholders and the environment, including risks to self, the public, non-target plant and animal species 2.3 Identify appropriate tools, equipment machinery and resources for the planned control measure 2.4 Select appropriate personal protective equipment in accordance with work health and safety requirements 2.5 Prepare or select an integrated plan for the control measures or strategies according to Integrated Pest Management principles and environmental sustainability practices 2.6 Prepare documentation for control measures, including work health and safety, safety data sheets, and chemical use according to workplace and legislative requirements
3. Implement weed control	3.1 Assess if conditions are appropriate for control plan to proceed and make any necessary adjustments to the plan 3.2 Implement control measures in accordance with Integrated Pest Management plan and standard industry practice 3.3 Ensure that control measures minimise non-target species and environmental damage 3.4 Maintain records and documentation of the control measures applied

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4. Monitor control measures	4.1 Monitor control measures to identify signs of adverse impact on humans, animals, non-target plants or environment 4.2 Assess effectiveness of control measures in accordance with Integrated Pest Management guidelines and available industry standards 4.3 Report assessment of control measures to client or organisation

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 AHCPMG301A Control weeds.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet - <https://vetnet.education.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>