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Modification History

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Release 2	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 3.0.
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Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit. There must be evidence that on at least one occasion the individual has demonstrated the skills to use a firearm to euthanise animals, including:

- planned the shoot within the boundaries and location of the target animal its range and habitat according to the timeframe, pest management plan and monitoring program
- ensured licences and permits were valid and applicable and environmental and public safety risks were mitigated
- identified target animal and its anatomical vulnerabilities for a clean kill
- operated a firearm safely in accordance with statutory requirements
- zeroed and test fired the firearm safely at a range under supervision at a distance that is commensurate with the target animals to be destroyed
- selected and checked serviceability of transport, equipment, firearms and ammunition, and stowed the firearm and ammunition safely for transport
- cleaned, maintained and stored equipment, firearms and ammunition safely and in accordance with statutory requirements
- checked target animal was dead, and euthanised immediately, if signs of life, according to relevant animal welfare codes of practice
- used personal protective equipment (PPE) to handle carcasses to ensure health and safety in the workplace
- identified health and safety in the workplace hazards and risks and applied control measures and used PPE according to health and safety in the workplace procedures
- applied biosecurity measures when handling, transporting or disposing of carcasses
- maintained records and reporting procedures.

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:

- pest management plan and their purpose
- environmental hazards and risks associated with the use of firearms
- safety hazards and risk management strategies associated with shooting
- checking and preparing a firearm and ammunition
- checking target animal for life after discharging the firearm
- anatomy and physical features and vulnerable organs, or humane points on target animals
- procedures for the safe handling of carcasses required for research or commercial use
- procedures for the safe disposal of animal carcasses not required for other purposes
- reporting and recording procedures required by the pest management plan
- location and boundaries for the shoot
- habitats, habits and range of movement of target animals
- PPE required for the shoot
- firearm's licensing requirements
- firearm and ammunition types recommended for the target animal
- State and territory gun control laws, acts and regulatory requirements including firearms agreements and codes of practice, relating to the use of firearms for euthanising animals
- basic requirements for ensuring the welfare of animals described in the relevant Codes of Practice
- prevention of cruelty to animals legislation applicable to destruction of animals
- basic requirements for biosecurity in the context of destruction of animals.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in an outdoor field environment with pest animals or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - pest animals, carcasses or targets
 - firearms
 - PPE
- specifications:
 - workplace documents including procedures for firearm use
 - operating instructions for firearms
 - licences and permissions to discharge firearms
 - specific legislation and codes of practice for firearm use and animal welfare
- timeframes:
 - checked animal for signs of life after discharge of firearm.

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:

- must possess firearms licences
- appropriate experience in using firearms for pest control.

Links

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