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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 2	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 3.0.
Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 1.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to trap and hold live animals for release, transportation or destruction. Trapped animals can be native animals, domestic animals, animals determined to be pests or feral animals.

The unit applies to individuals who work under broad direction and take responsibility for their own work. They use discretion and judgement in the selection, allocation and use of available resources.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Pest Management (PMG)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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Elements describe the essential outcomes.	*Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.*
1. Prepare for trapping	1.1 Identify purpose of animal capture and set objectives
	1.2 Confirm the location and size of the area designated for trapping activities
	1.3 Confirm target animal movement patterns, behaviour and

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	lifecycles to determine trapping location and placement of equipment and appropriate timing of trapping activity
	1.4 Identify potential non-target animals
	1.5 Estimate time required to complete trapping activities
	1.6 Identify and check method of transport, materials and equipment required for trapping
	1.7 Select appropriate traps for target animal and the environment
	1.8 Clean, maintain and prepare trapping equipment according to manufacturer specifications
	1.9 Identify hazards, risks and controls for trapping and select appropriate personal protective equipment
	1.10 Identify and manage environmental risks associated with trapping animals
	1.11 Obtain relevant approvals, permits and permission to carry out trapping activities
	1.12 Determine precautions for minimising trapping of non-target animals
2. Place and set traps	2.1 Undertake site surveillance prior to setting traps
	2.2 Select and prepare site to maximise opportunity for trapping target animals and minimise the chance of trapping non-target animals
	2.3 Position, set and calibrate trapping equipment and check it for operation and safety
	2.4 Apply lures, decoys, baits or toxins according to workplace procedures and permits
	2.5 Camouflage traps according to workplace procedures
	2.6 Apply precautions to prevent trapping of non-target animals
	2.7 Set traps according to legislative requirements and animal welfare codes of practice
3. Check and remove traps	3.1 Inspect traps at the required frequency
	3.2 Identify trapped animals then release, humanely destroy or prepare for transport according to trapping objectives and permits
	3.3 Handle captured animals humanely according to animal welfare codes of practice
	3.4 Transport animals from site according to trapping objectives and

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	animal welfare codes of practice
	3.5 Observe health and safety in the workplace procedures and public safety requirements during trapping activities
	3.6 Operate trap release mechanism safely and remove trap
	3.7 Restore trap-site to its prior condition
4. Record data	4.1 Use global positioning system (GPS) loggers to record locations of trapped animals
	4.2 Use recording instruments to record details of trapping activities according to trapping plan and workplace procedures
5. Clean and store equipment and material	5.1 Clean and store carcases for research or other purposes
	5.2 Clean and store equipment and materials according to safety data sheets, workplace and biosecurity procedures
	5.3 Record target and non-target kills
6. Report completion of work	6.1 Report results of trapping activities and incidents according to workplace procedures

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.

Skill	Description
Writing	• Accurately record and complete organisational documentation using clear language, and terminology when reporting and maintaining animal trapping records
Numeracy	• Perform basic mathematical calculations to determine and record trapping data and GPS locations
Navigate the world of work	• Take responsibility for following explicit and implicit policies, procedures and legislative requirements
Get the work done	• Take responsibility for planning, sequencing and prioritising tasks and workload for efficiency and effective trapping outcomes

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCPMG307 Apply animal trapping techniques Release 2	AHCPMG307 Apply animal trapping techniques Release 1	Minor changes and removal of unnecessary Performance Criteria for clarity Updated Performance Evidence and Knowledge Evidence	Equivalent unit

Links

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