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

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 that they have used a firearm to control pest animals from an aircraft, including:

- obtained and complied with approvals, permits and conditions for planned activity
- confirmed flight plan, emergency procedures and search and rescue operations with pilot
- checked, sighted and used a firearm safety to shoot pest animal targets from an aircraft
- applied air safety practices when entering and occupying aircraft
- stored firearms safely in an aircraft
- applied health and safety in the workplace practices
- checked accurate location, carried out pest control and ensured all animals were humanely destroyed according to animal welfare codes of practice and workplace procedures
- cleaned maintained and stored firearms and equipment and disposed of waste according to workplace procedures
- maintained records of pest numbers and reported outcomes according to workplace 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:
- requirements for ensuring the welfare of animals described in relevant codes of practice and workplace procedures
- map reading and plotting position
- air safety principles and emergency procedures appropriate to firearms
- approvals required for carrying firearms airside
- firearms' licensing requirements

- health and safety in the workplace procedures
- environmental, animal welfare, prevention of cruelty to animals, and pest control legislation
- appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)
- principles and methods of using firearms from an aircraft.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in an aircraft suitable for pest animal control activities or an environment that accurately represents these conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live pest animals
 - appropriate firearms for pest animal management
 - suitable PPE for the individuals task
- specifications:
 - workplace and Civil Aviation Safety Authority documents such as policies, procedures, processes, forms and instructions
 - operating instructions for firearms
 - licences and permissions to discharge firearms from an aircraft
 - legislation, regulations and codes of practice for animal welfare and firearm use from aircraft
- relationships:
 - pilot and supervisors
- timeframes:
 - according to the specified flight plan.

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:

- the assessment team must include assessors with firearms licences and appropriate experience in using firearms from aircraft 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>