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# **AMPGAM303 Use firearms to safely and humanely harvest wild game**

**Release: 1**

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## Modification History

| Release   | Comments                                                                                |
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| Release 1 | This version released with AMP Australian Meat Processing Training Package Version 8.0. |

## Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to harvest wild game animals humanely following animal welfare standards.

This unit applies to individuals who harvest wild game in the field.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety and animal welfare regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.

Individuals undertaking this unit must hold a current firearms/shooters licence. Other legislative and regulatory requirements also apply to wild game harvesting and are enforced through state/territory jurisdictions. Users must check with the relevant regulatory authority before delivery.

## Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

## Unit Sector

Wild Game (GAM)

## Elements and Performance Criteria

| Elements                                         | 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. Plan harvesting of wild game animals          | 1.1 Confirm anatomy and physical features of target animal, including location of vulnerable organs of target animal<br>1.2 Identify location of habitats, habits and range of movements of |

| Elements                                         | Performance Criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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|                                                  | <p>target animal</p> <p>1.3 Determine timing of the harvest based on the activity patterns of the target animal</p> <p>1.4 Identify hazards associated with the harvest, and control risks according to workplace health and safety standards</p> <p>1.5 Identify environmental and public safety risks associated with the harvest</p> <p>1.6 Identify animal welfare guidelines and ensure they are followed during harvest</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 2. Prepare for the harvesting operations         | <p>2.1 Determine location and boundaries for the harvest according to the animal management plan</p> <p>2.2 Check time and duration of the harvest and notify relevant personnel, where required</p> <p>2.3 Take precautions to minimise hazards and risks associated with the harvest according to workplace health and safety standards</p> <p>2.4 Take precautions to minimise environmental risks associated with the harvest</p> <p>2.5 Confirm firearm licences, harvesting permits or exemptions as current according to statutory requirements</p> <p>2.6 Select firearm and ammunition types to comply with those recommended for the target animal according to regulatory requirements and animal ethics guidelines</p> <p>2.7 Zero and test-fire firearm according to industry practice</p> <p>2.8 Stow firearm unloaded and in safety mode for transport</p> |
| 3. Harvest animals                               | <p>3.1 Use personal protective equipment (PPE) according to workplace health and safety standards and statutory requirements</p> <p>3.2 Carry firearm safely with muzzle pointing in safe direction at all times according to statutory requirements and industry practice</p> <p>3.3 Load, discharge and unload firearm safely according to regulatory requirements</p> <p>3.4 Inspect target animal pre-harvest for suitability</p> <p>3.5 Aim firearm at head of target species</p> <p>3.6 Kill each target animal using a single brain shot for commercial harvest</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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|                                                  | 3.7 Check each target animal to ensure it is dead prior to selecting the next target animal<br>3.8 Tag and record animals to be left in the field as a result of a non-brain shot, according to state requirements<br>3.9 Bleed carcasses according to industry practice |
| 4. Euthanise dependent young                     | 4.1 Check any female animals for dependent young<br>4.2 If found, destroy dependent young in a humane manner, according to relevant codes and animal welfare guidelines                                                                                                  |
| 5. Clean and store equipment and material        | 5.1 Maintain and store firearms according to manufacturer instructions and statutory requirements<br>5.2 Store ammunition according to statutory requirements<br>5.3 Complete records according to workplace requirements                                                |

## 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                                                                                                              |
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| Reading | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interpret regulatory and licensing requirements, and codes of practice</li> </ul> |

## Unit Mapping Information

| Code and title current version                                  | Code and title previous version           | Comments                                                                         | Equivalence status |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| AMPGAM303 Use firearms to safely and humanely harvest wild game | AMPG306 Use firearms to harvest wild game | Unit code and title updated<br>Performance Criteria clarified<br>Element 4 added | Not equivalent     |

| Code and title<br>current version | Code and title<br>previous version | Comments                                                                                                       | Equivalence status |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
|                                   |                                    | Foundation Skills added<br>Performance Evidence,<br>Knowledge Evidence and<br>Assessment Conditions<br>revised |                    |

## Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=5e2e56b7-698f-4822-84bb-25adbb8443a7>