



Australian Government

ACMAIM203 Assist at wildlife events

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Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 4.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to safely participate in a wildlife event response. It covers identifying and monitoring common risks and hazards, the basics of incident management systems and working safely with others around compromised or distressed wildlife.

The unit applies to individuals who work under supervision to assist with wildlife in response to events and emergency situations.

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

Most government jurisdictions have requirements that allow only appropriately authorised agencies to undertake response operations. Users are advised to check with the relevant authority.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Animal Incident Management (AIM)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Prepare for a wildlife	1.1 Identify hazards and risks to people and wildlife at event scene

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event response	1.2 Participate in team briefing about incident operation plan and objectives, and risks and control strategies associated with animal species 1.3 Confirm and clarify instructions about own role and tasks 1.4 Select and fit personal protective equipment (PPE) suitable for activity 1.5 Maintain safety requirements relating to hygiene and biosecurity according to organisational requirements 1.6 Prepare operational equipment and check condition and serviceability
2. Carry out allocated role and duties	2.1 Perform allocated tasks and role according to instructions 2.2 Observe and anticipate behaviour of wildlife species 2.3 Approach animals safely, in a manner that minimises stress and stimulation to the animal, and use appropriate handling techniques 2.4 Monitor animals and maintain situational awareness 2.5 Assist with controlling hazards, ensuring safety zones are maintained and escape routes identified
3. Assist with post-incident activities at wildlife event	3.1 Assist with disposal of waste and deceased animals according to instructions 3.2 Clean, decontaminate and store PPE and other equipment used at the incident scene 3.3 Record required information according to instructions and regulatory requirements 3.4 Participate in incident debriefing

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
Reading	Interpret instructions relating to own role

Skill	Description
Oral communication	Listen attentively and ask questions to confirm or clarify information

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMAIM203 Assist at wildlife events	Not applicable	Developed in response to industry need	Newly created

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -
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Assessment Requirements for ACMAIM203 Assist at wildlife events

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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 the individual has:

- assisted in one wildlife event activity, undertaking two different duties or roles as identified in team briefing
- participated in one team briefing and one debriefing session
- identified key behavioural and safe handling requirements of a minimum of one wildlife species involved in the activity.

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:

- types of events involving wildlife, and what can go wrong
- own responsibilities under current health and safety and animal welfare regulations, standards and organisational policies and procedures
- basic overview of local and state/territory regulations and jurisdictional structures relating to wildlife events
- overview of cultural protocols relating to species, operations and location relevant to context or event
- basic risk assessment process, including hazard identification, assessing risk, controlling or minimising risk, and reviewing risks
- basic concepts of animal welfare relevant to wildlife events
- potential hazards and risks at a wildlife event, including animals, environment and people
- basic overview of wildlife species relevant to event, including:
 - common behaviours
 - basic survival and care requirements
 - safe zones
 - basic techniques for approaching, catching, handling and controlling wildlife species

- key features of incident management system, including:
 - chain of command and communication protocols
 - basic principles of working in a team
 - operating procedures and basic sequence and steps to follow
 - incident zones (hot, warm and cold) and personnel allowed in each
 - briefing and debriefing the event, including critical incident stress
- team member roles, duties and responsibilities, including:
 - incident controller
 - veterinarian, triage or first aiders
 - safety officer
 - rehabilitation carers
 - media liaison
 - public or crowd controller
- safe working practices, including:
 - preparing and checking operational equipment
 - personal protective equipment
 - hygiene, infection control and biosecurity procedures
 - basic manual handling techniques.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - an environment that represents a wildlife event – this includes the use of simulations and scenarios
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - animal mannequins
 - species appropriate equipment
- relationships:
 - relevant personnel and team members to report to and work with.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

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