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# **AHC30324 Certificate III in Rural and Environmental Pest Management**

**Release 1**

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## Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 10.0.

## Qualification Description

This qualification describes the skills and knowledge required for pest management contractors, pest management field officers, vertebrate pest management field officers and weed management field officers in the pest management industry.

The qualification covers those who work in weed management as well as vertebrate pest management in conservation, land management, horticulture and agriculture settings.

Individuals in these roles work under general direction and:

- participate in strategic invasive species management practices
- prepare for management programs
- complete and assess management programs
- carry out weed management programs that require chemical spraying
- maintain required records.

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

## Entry Requirements

There are no entry requirements for this qualification.

## Packaging Rules

To achieve this qualification, competency must be demonstrated in:

- 14 units of competency:
  - 6 core units plus
  - 8 elective units.

Elective units must ensure the integrity of the qualification's Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) alignment and contribute to a valid, industry-supported vocational outcome.

For the award of *Certificate III in Rural and Environmental Pest Management* the electives are to be chosen as follows:

- 6 units must be selected from the elective groups A, B, C, D or E
- Up to 2 units from the remaining electives or any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course packaged to reflect AQF Certificate II, III or IV outcomes.

Where appropriate, electives may be packaged to provide a qualification with a specialisation.

For the award of *Certificate III in Rural and Environmental Pest Management (Pest animal controller)* the electives are to be chosen as follows:

- 5 units must be selected from the elective group A
- 1 unit must be selected from the elective group C or E
- 2 units must be selected from remaining electives in group C and E or any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course packaged to reflect AQF Certificate II, III or IV outcomes.

For the award of *Certificate III in Rural and Environmental Pest Management (Weed Controller)* the electives are to be chosen as follows:

- 2 units must be selected from the electives group B
- 1 unit, AHC BIO203 Inspect and clean machinery, tools and equipment to preserve biosecurity, must be selected
- 3 units must be selected from the elective group D or E
- 2 units must be selected from remaining group D or E or any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course packaged to reflect AQF Certificate II, III or IV outcomes.

### Core Units

AHCCHM304	Transport and store chemicals
AHCCHM307	Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds and diseases
AHCPMG203	Work effectively in a pest management environment
AHCPMG306	Determine pest control techniques
AHCPMG308	Implement pest management strategies
AHCWHS302	Contribute to workplace health and safety processes

### Elective Units

#### Group A Pest Controller

AHCFAU202	Recognise fauna
AHCPMG304	Use firearms to humanely destroy animals
AHCPMG307	Apply animal trapping techniques

AHCPMG309	Apply pest animal control techniques
AHCPMG312	Apply poison baits for vertebrate pest control in rural and environmental landscapes

**Group B Weed Controller**

AHCPCM303	Identify plant specimens
AHCPMG301	Control weeds

**Group C Vertebrate Pests**

AHCCHM310	Conduct manual fumigation of vertebrate and invertebrate pests
AHCPMG311	Use firearms for pest control activities from aircraft
AHCPMG403	Apply predator trapping techniques

**Group D Weeds**

AHCPCM202	Collect, prepare and preserve plant specimens
AHCPMG313	Prepare, monitor and maintain biological agents for weeds

**Group E General**

AHCBIO203	Inspect and clean machinery, tools and equipment to preserve biosecurity
AHCBIO303	Apply biosecurity measures
AHCECR306	Conduct photography for fieldwork
AHCECR307	Read and interpret maps
AHCEXP301	Handle and store explosives
AHCMOM302	Perform machinery maintenance
AHCMOM304	Operate machinery and equipment
AHCMOM315	Operate chemical application machinery and equipment
AHCPMG302	Control plant pests, diseases and disorders
AHCPMG305	Survey pests

AHCPMG413	Define the pest problem
AHCWRK314	Monitor weather conditions
AHCWRK315	Respond to emergencies
AHCWRK317	Coordinate work site activities
AHCWRK320	Apply environmentally sustainable work practices
AHCWRK322	Conduct site inspections
AHCWRK323	Operate in isolated and remote situations
FWPCOT3202	Navigate in remote or trackless areas
FWPCOT3325	Operate four wheel drive vehicle on unsealed roads
HLTAID011	Provide First Aid
HLTAID013	Provide First Aid in remote or isolated site

## Qualification Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHC30324 Certificate III in Rural and Environmental Pest Management	AHC30318 Certificate III in Rural and Environmental Pest Management	Corrected unit reference in Packaging Rules  Updated 1 Core unit and 7 Elective units	Not equivalent

## Links

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