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Modification History

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Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 6.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to work in an emergency environment where there is a response to a biosecurity threat.

The unit applies to individuals who have been appointed or engaged to undertake and support an emergency response. They work under broad supervision and take responsibility for their own work including limited responsibility for the work of others. They use discretion and judgement in the selection, allocation and use of available resources.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Emergency Response (BER)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Identify information required for emergency response	1.1 Access information for emergency response 1.2 Apply information to emergency response work tasks according to legislative, regulatory and biosecurity codes of practice
2. Perform work in an emergency response	2.1 Access and interpret work instructions and seek clarification from supervisor if unclear

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environment	2.2 Assess workload and prioritise competing demands to achieve work team and workplace goals and objectives 2.3 Assess and communicate with team resource requirements according to workplace resourcing procedures 2.4 Identify hazards, assess risks and implement controls according to workplace health and safety procedures 2.5 Recognise and respond to stress of individuals within work team 2.6 Promote a positive and cooperative work team environment 2.7 Adhere to time frames outlined in response plan
3. Comply with biosecurity requirements	3.1 Access and implement workplace biosecurity procedures 3.2 Maintain personal protective equipment according to biosecurity procedures 3.3 Maintain fomites according to biosecurity procedures 3.4 Report breaches in biosecurity procedures to site supervisor 3.5 Complete biosecurity records according to workplace procedures
4. Review performance and implement change	4.1 Review work team performance during emergency response 4.2 Identify and assess changes in work practices to reflect performance issues 4.3 Seek approval for changes in work practice according to workplace approvals procedures 4.4 Implement approved changes in work practice 4.5 Monitor and assess effectiveness of changes in work practice and report findings 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
Reading	Evaluate and integrate emergency response information from a range of sources into response work tasks and activities

Skill	Description
Oral Communication	Select and use appropriate communication strategies to establish and maintain a supportive and positive environment under stressful emergency response conditions

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCBER302 Work effectively in a biosecurity emergency response	AHCBER301 Work effectively in an emergency disease or plant pest response	Unit code changed Title changed to reflect broader usage of unit Changes made to Application Elements edited and consolidated Performance Criteria changed and reordered Performance Evidence, Knowledge Evidence and Assessment Conditions updated	Equivalent

Links

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

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Assessment Requirements for AHCBER302 Work effectively in a biosecurity emergency response

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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 participated in at least two emergency response activities, where one must be for a plant scenario and one must be for an animal or insect scenario.

There must also be evidence that the individual has:

- accessed and applied information for emergency response work and resources
- performed work activities to conform with biosecurity response procedures and legislative and regulatory requirements
- conducted a workplace health and safety assessment and implemented controls
- interpreted and applied work instructions
- recognised and responded to stress
- promoted a positive and cooperative work team
- complied with biosecurity requirements for personal protective equipment and fomites,
- reported breaches in biosecurity according to workplace procedures
- reviewed team work practices during emergency response and identified changes for approval and implementation
- completed biosecurity records 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:

- standards and legislative requirements for biosecurity emergency response, including:
 - state and territory and Commonwealth policies, legislation and regulations
 - emergency response plans relevant to industry sector
 - nationally agreed standard operating procedures

- a basic understanding of emergency response needs relating to biosecurity emergencies
- workplace procedures for communication in an emergency response
- resources required for emergency response, including:
 - human
 - materials
 - equipment
- common workplace health and safety, and biosecurity hazards in an emergency response, including:
 - assessing risk and common controls used to mitigate risk
 - personal protective equipment, and fomites relevant to emergency response
 - signs of personal stress and potential impact on work team and stakeholders
- coordinating a small team during an emergency response, including:
 - planning and implementing work activities
 - time management
 - assessing work team performance
 - implementing changes to work practices
- communication principles for working effectively in teams, and reporting information
- records required during an emergency response.

Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in an emergency response situation or an environment that represents an emergency response condition
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - tools, equipment and materials used to respond to a specific emergency response
 - personal protective equipment
- specifications:
 - specific workplace policies, procedures and processes for biosecurity and emergency response
 - workplace instructions for emergency response activity
 - specific legislation, codes of practice and information regarding the specific biosecurity emergency
- relationships
 - stakeholders
 - work team, supervisor
- timeframes:
 - emergency response completed according to time specified in response plan.

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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