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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to plan and oversee an emergency disease or plant pest control program according to the relevant standards and protocols provided in a national response plan.

The unit applies to personnel who have been appointed or engaged to undertake a role within an emergency disease or plant pest incursion response.

This unit applies to individuals who take personal responsibility for their own work and exercise autonomy in undertaking complex work. They analyse, design and communicate solutions to a range of complex problems. They work in contexts that are subject to change and adapt a range of fundamental principles accordingly.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil.

Unit Sector

Emergency Response (BER)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Element	Performance criteria
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Plan emergency disease or plant pest control program	1.1 Identify effective strategies to support emergency disease or plant pest control 1.2 Ensure all components of emergency disease or plant pest control program comply with relevant standards and protocols, a

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	jurisdiction's nationally approved response plan, relevant state, territory and commonwealth legislation and emergency management principles 1.3 Seek and use expert advice to identify the source of emergency disease or plant pest and gauge its likely spread 1.4 Identify declared areas of presence of emergency disease or plant pest in line with expert advice and available evidence 1.5 Develop plans to effectively and efficiently control emergency disease or plant pest 1.6 Submit plans to appropriate authorities for approval 1.7 Identify likely developments and consequences of emergency disease or plant pest outbreak and advise appropriate personnel according to established lines of command and control
2. Oversee emergency disease or plant pest control program	2.1 Implement and monitor emergency disease or plant pest control plans 2.2 Monitor the recording and dissemination of information to ensure compliance with standards and protocols 2.3 Send, receive and act on reports according to relevant standards and protocols 2.4 Brief relevant organisations, agencies and personnel in relation to management of emergency disease or plant pest
3. Monitor and review the emergency disease or plant pest control program	3.1 Monitor emergency disease or plant pest control strategies continually to ensure that they are achieving the intended outcomes 3.2 Amend emergency disease or plant pest control plans as appropriate in line with expert advice, standards and protocols 3.3 Monitor resource requirements continually to ensure strategies are achieved
4. Revise emergency disease or plant pest control program	4.1 Revise emergency disease or plant pest control strategies and plans as required 4.2 Communicate changes to emergency disease or plant pest control strategies to appropriate personnel

Foundation Skills

Foundation Skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

Unit Mapping Information

This unit is equivalent to AHC BIO601A Plan and oversee an emergency disease or plant pest control program.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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Assessment Requirements for AHCBER601 Plan and oversee an emergency disease or plant pest control program

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Performance Evidence

The candidate must be assessed on their ability to integrate and apply the performance requirements of this unit in an emergency disease or plant pest setting. Performance must be demonstrated consistently over time and in a suitable range of contexts.

The candidate must provide evidence that they can:

- apply standards, guidelines, protocols, and legislation in:
 - planning and amending a control program
 - recording information and disseminating
 - disseminating reports
 - identifying appropriate personnel along lines of communication as part of planning and overseeing an emergency disease or plant pest control program
- plan a control program around identified strategies with input of experts and submit to for approval
- identify declared areas that are within the jurisdiction of the control program
- brief appropriate personnel and organisations/agencies on developments and consequences of emergency disease or plant pest outbreak, and its ongoing management
- implement and monitor control plans utilising information management system and reporting as set out in standards and protocols
- monitor control strategies in use against the intended outcomes, and amend control plans as appropriate
- monitor resource requirements are sufficient to ensure strategies are achieved
- communicate revisions to control strategies and/or plans to appropriate personnel.

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- AUSVETPLAN or PLANTPLAN, and other Nationally Agreed Standard Operating Procedures (NASOP), relevant standards, guidelines and protocols and associated manuals
- incident management functions
- phases of a response

- the requirements of relevant commonwealth, state and territory legislation
- strategies for controlling emergency disease or plant pest situations
- support agencies and sources of expertise
- control procedures relevant to the emergency disease or plant pest situation
- project management principles
- consequences and impacts of the outbreak and management controls
- information management system
- processes for monitoring and reviewing control plans, and resource expenditure
- human and physical resources required to implement the control plan
- methods of communicating with stakeholders.

Assessment Conditions

Assessors must satisfy current standards for RTOs.

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