



Australian Government

AHCFAU202 Recognise fauna

Release: 1

AHCFAU202 Recognise fauna

Modification History

Release	Comments
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 observe, recognise and record fauna that are encountered when undertaking agricultural, horticultural and land management activities.

The unit applies to individuals working in a broad range of job contexts who undertake defined routine activities under supervision. They exercise limited autonomy within established and well-known parameters, providing solutions to a limited range of predictable problems.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Fauna (FAU)

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. Prepare for fauna recognition	1.1 Identify and select processes for fauna recognition 1.2 Identify and select resources and equipment required for identification activity 1.3 Record the location for observations of fauna 1.4 Organise and arrange resources for fauna recognition process

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
	1.5 Use surveillance techniques suitable for approaching fauna and reducing environmental impact 1.6 Identify hazards, notify supervisor and follow workplace health and safety procedures
2. Recognise specified fauna	2.1 Recognise and name fauna according to their characteristics 2.2 Record descriptions of fauna habits, characteristics and significant features according to workplace procedures 2.3 Seek advice in the identification process according to workplace procedures 2.4 Ensure observation activities comply with animal welfare codes of practice
3. Complete identification of fauna	3.1 Record fauna sightings in reference collection 3.2 Update field notes for new fauna sightings 3.3 Report notifiable fauna to supervisor 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	Interpret textual information from sources to identify relevant and key information for fauna recognition
Writing	Document outcomes of observations using correct and industry specific terminology

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCFAU202 Recognise fauna	AHCFAU201 Recognise fauna	Minor changes to Application and Performance Criteria, including removed Performance Criteria in Element 1 to reduce confusion Deleted mapping to Core Skills for Work Updated Performance Evidence, Knowledge Evidence and Assessment Conditions	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>

Assessment Requirements for AHCFAU202 Recognise fauna

Modification History

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

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 recognised at least 20 fauna species in the field, which must include at least five species from three of the following groups:

- mammals
- birds
- reptiles/amphibians
- fish
- invertebrates.

There must also be evidence that the individual has:

- accessed a natural area in a manner suitable to observe fauna causing minimal disruption and damage to the environment
- identified processes, situations, equipment and resources for observation of fauna
- observed and recorded the details of observations according to enterprise requirements
- recognised fauna according to their characteristics
- followed workplace procedures and supervisor instructions for identifying, recognising and recording fauna
- applied work health and safety policies and procedures to fauna observation activities
- applied animal welfare practices when observing fauna
- prepared documentation relevant to fauna observations and identification.

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:

- principles and practices for identifying fauna, including:
 - identification techniques and resources
 - fauna behaviour
 - fauna habitats

- tracks, scats and traces
- typical characteristics of fauna
- basic nomenclature and naming conventions
- techniques for observing, identifying and reporting fauna
- purposes for observing and monitoring fauna
- workplace health and safety procedures when conducting observations
- procedures for reporting rare, uncommon or notifiable fauna
- animal welfare and environmental codes of practice relevant to the observation of fauna.

Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated where target fauna species inhabit, or in an environment that accurately represents these conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - target fauna
 - tools and equipment required for fauna observations
 - personal protective equipment required while conducting observations
- specifications:
 - workplace policies, procedures, processes and instructions
 - specifications for fauna recognition activity
 - legislation/codes of practice relevant to fauna and environment.

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

Links

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