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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 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 assisted with medicinal cannabis harvest and pre-processing tasks for at least one harvest, including:

- prepared, cleaned and followed sanitation procedures on self, the required tools, equipment and materials, and work areas
- checked plant health and for signs of pest and disease prior to harvest
- identified common health issues and signs of disease and pests of plants to be harvested
- checked required climate conditions for each of the harvesting and pre-processing processes
- performed counts and weight checks during each stage of the harvesting and pre-processing process
- completed the following tasks as directed by supervisor:
 - cutting flower stems
 - trimming harvested stems
 - drying
 - packing and labelling
 - transferring packed product to secured storage area
- labelled pre-processed product with the required information and correct terminology
- complied with security and waste disposal requirements
- maintained accurate workplace records on harvesting and pre-processing activities
- communicated any safety concerns, abnormalities or deviations from quantities and counts.

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:

- medicinal cannabis during harvest stage, including:
 - plant morphology
 - signs of common health issues, including mould
 - signs of common diseases and pests
- common problems associated with carrying out harvest and pre-processing tasks, and process for reporting these
- function and operation of tools and equipment used during the harvest and pre-processing operations, including approval and operational checks
- function and operation of climate systems
- workplace security requirements, including secured storage areas
- principles of Good Agricultural and Collection Practices (GACP) in relation to the harvest of medicinal cannabis, including:
 - harvest techniques
 - quality controls
 - health and safety, including manual handling
 - recording and reporting requirements
 - identification and traceability
 - biosecurity
- principles of Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) in relation to pre-processing of medicinal cannabis, including:
 - ideal environmental climate conditions for each of harvesting, trimming, drying and milling activities
 - disposal and destruction of plant material waste
 - entering and exit procedures
 - hygiene and sanitation, including for tools, equipment and the work area and personal hygiene
 - trimming, drying and milling techniques
 - labelling and packaging requirements, including mandatory data
 - storage of medicinal cannabis material and product
- procedures for entering and exiting drying room.

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 a medicinal cannabis production site or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - personal protective equipment
 - plants ready for harvest
 - tools, equipment and materials required for harvest and pre-processing processes

- tools, equipment and materials for cleaning and sanitation
- drying room
- labelling and packaging material
- secured storage area
- workplace recording and reporting system
- specifications:
 - harvest and pre-processing plan and specifications
 - workplace procedures relating to harvest and pre-processing operations for medicinal cannabis, including security, health and safety, hygiene and sanitation, quality, recording and reporting requirements
- relationships:
 - supervisor.

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>