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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 undertaken harvesting and pre-processing operations for at least six medicinal plants for at least two harvest stages, including:

- selected and prepared the required tools, equipment and materials for both harvesting and pre-processing operations
- identified risks and applied control measures
- maintained safe, clean and sanitised work area
- checked plants for signs of health issues, disease and pests prior to harvest
- applied the required harvesting, trimming and drying techniques according to specifications
- packaged and labelled product with information and data required by regulations
- transferred and stored packaged product in secured area
- monitored and adjusted climate control against specifications for each process
- monitored and recorded counts and weight for each process, and checked for deviations
- complied with security and waste disposal requirements
- maintained accurate records and reports on harvesting and post-harvesting data and activities, including any non-compliance and deviations.

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:

- organisational medicinal cannabis harvest and pre-processing plan
- forms of medicinal cannabis product produced by organisation
- process for conducting health and safety risk assessment, and control measures relevant to harvest and pre-processing processes
- medicinal cannabis during harvest stage, including:

- plant morphology
- signs of common health issues, including mould, and their remedies
- signs of common diseases and pests, and their control
- function, operation and maintenance of tools and equipment used during the harvest and pre-processing operations, including approval and operational checks
- function and operation of climate systems, including their control systems
- regulatory and workplace requirements related to harvest and pre-processing processes for medicinal cannabis, including:
 - hygiene and sanitation
 - health and safety, including manual handling
 - physical security of cannabis, including secure storage areas
 - disposal and destruction of plant waste
 - recording and reporting requirements
 - identification and traceability
 - biosecurity
- principles of Good Agricultural and Collection Practices (GACP) in relation to the harvest of medicinal cannabis, including:
 - determining when to harvest for best quality and yield, by using visual and physical signs and/or testing
 - harvesting techniques
 - quality controls
- principles of Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) in relation to pre-processing of medicinal cannabis, including:
 - climate conditions
 - disposal and destruction of plant material waste
 - entering and exit procedures
 - hygiene and sanitation
 - trimming, drying and milling techniques
 - labelling and packaging requirements, including mandatory data
 - secured storage areas for 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 for harvesting
- 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>