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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 planned and implemented a program for the care and maintenance of medicinal cannabis plants for at least one of their vegetative and flowering cycles, including:

- documented a plan that incorporates each of the following:
 - plant care and maintenance requirements
 - resource requirements
 - identification and quality specifications
 - strategies for monitoring and treating plants
 - schedules for care and maintenance activities
 - risk assessment and control measures and actions
 - regulatory requirements
- communicated and provided training on plant care and maintenance activities
- monitored and evaluated activities against the plan
- reported on care and maintenance activities, including any 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:

- principles and practices for developing a care and maintenance program for medicinal cannabis during the growing and flowering cycles, including determining:
 - care and maintenance requirements, including water and nutrient requirements and environmental climate conditions for vegetative and flowering cycles, and for preserving mother plants
 - identification and quality specifications
 - application of non-chemical intervention or treatments

- problems performing maintenance activities, and preventative action
- hygiene standards required for maintenance activities
- scheduling for care and maintenance activities
- legal and regulatory requirements required of licensed cultivators of medicinal cannabis, including reporting requirements
- principles of Good Agricultural and Collection Practices (GACP) in relation to the care and maintenance of medicinal cannabis, including:
 - cultivation processes during vegetative and flowering cycles, and preserving mother plants
 - traceability
 - hygiene and sanitation
 - health and safety
 - monitoring, sampling and control
 - documentation processes, including deviation investigations reports
- methods and systems that may be used for developing, monitoring and evaluating maintenance plans, schedules and workplace procedures
- principles of risk assessment, including hazard identification, risk analysis, control limits, control measures and corrective actions and evaluation
- effective training methods used to train staff on workplace procedures.

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:
 - software applications/workplace documentation for developing plans and schedules
- specifications:
 - cultivation specifications
 - workplace procedures relating to the care and maintenance of medicinal cannabis, including security, health and safety, hygiene and sanitation, quality, recording and reporting requirements
- relationships:
 - senior personnel and staff.

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

Links

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<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>