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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 conducted at least one site inspection, gathered evidence and interviews, assessed the evidence, and documented recommendations for an investigation into suspected breaches of natural resource management legislation.

There must also be evidence that the individual has:

- conducted all steps of investigation in accordance with legal and workplace protocols and procedures
- conducted a preliminary investigation into a reported or suspected breach of land use legislation
- sought approval to proceed with a full investigation
- sought approval for site visit with landholder and, where rejected, sought support from civil authority
- carried out a site inspection
- interviewed witnesses and land owners
- maintained records of interviews, proceedings and site inspection according to legal requirements and workplace protocols, which must include:
 - time and date of inspection
 - persons in attendance
 - details of current site activities
 - names of persons interviewed
 - details of each interview
 - images, photographs, drawings and measurements captured during the site visit
- validated accuracy of evidence and information collected and ensured it is sufficient to make an informed determination
- assessed evidence against suspected breach in legislation and made recommendations
- compiled outcomes into a report with supporting documentation and submitted to agency authority.

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:

- Commonwealth and state/territory legislation and regulations for natural resource management and basic civil law
- types of breaches of natural resource management legislation
- workplace policies, procedures and codes of practice for conducting investigations and reporting outcomes
- techniques for consulting with stakeholders according to legal and agency policies and procedures
- approaches for accessing land owner properties, including:
 - rights and responsibilities of land holder
 - rights and responsibilities of agency staff
 - civil authorities and their potential role and assistance
- assessment approaches for area of notification
- basic law pertaining to civil cases, including:
 - balance of probabilities
 - rules of evidence
- types and importance of evidence, including:
 - interviews or testimonial evidence can be factual, false or anecdotal
 - visual images, videos, photographs and drawings
 - quantifiable and measurable, dimensions, weights and volumes
 - use of official data and records for testing gathered evidence
 - preserving the validity and security of evidence
- record-keeping processes for maintaining evidence and supporting documentation
- official and supporting documentation used in assessing breaches in NRM legislation, including:
 - maps and charts
 - surveyor plans, for regional, local and site locations
 - vegetation and land use planning and zoning documents
 - environmental protection legislation and regulations
 - site planning overlays, caveats and other specific restrictions
- formats for compiling reports and submitting evidence and recommendations.

Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated for a site where there is a suspected breach in NRM legislation or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions

- specifications:
 - workplace policies, procedures, processes for handling and reporting investigations
 - reports of suspected breach in NRM legislation
 - relevant legislation and codes of practice
- relationships:
 - potential litigant
 - agency authority.

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>