



Australian Government

AHCNRM512 Investigate suspected breaches of natural resource management legislation

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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.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to conduct site inspections and collect evidence for investigations into suspected breaches of natural resource management (NRM) legislation.

The unit applies to individuals who act in an official capacity to investigate suspected breaches of NRM legislation. They also analyse information and exercise judgement to complete their duties with a deep knowledge in land use. They have accountability for the work of others and analyse, design and communicate solutions to a range of complex problems.

Natural resource management legislation applies in all states and territories and must be adhered to. Users are advised to check with the relevant regulatory authority

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Natural Resource Management (NRM)

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. Respond to advice of change in land use	1.1 Receive and record details relating to suspected change in land use 1.2 Conduct pre-site inspection investigations in accordance with workplace procedures and legislative and regulatory requirements

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
	1.3 Report suspected breach of NRM legislation to agency authority 1.4 Seek approval to proceed with investigation according to workplace authorisation procedures
2. Carry out site investigation	2.1 Follow workplace health and safety policies and procedures when carrying out site inspections and investigations 2.2 Provide notification to stakeholders of the consequences of suspected change in land use 2.3 Seek permission for site access from land owner to conduct investigation according to legislative and regulatory requirements 2.4 Seek assistance from civil authorities where permission is refused according to workplace procedures 2.5 Conduct interviews of witnesses and landholders 2.6 Conduct site observations and collect evidence related to the suspected breach in land use 2.7 Maintain records of interview and observations according to rules of evidence
3. Collate and assess site evidence	3.1 Check accuracy of collected site evidence against official land use documents and records 3.2 Identify supplementary information to assist in making a fair determination 3.3 Identify evidence indicating a possible breach in land use 3.4 Evaluate volume and sufficiency of evidence and supplementary information for a determination
4. Compile report on outcomes of investigation	4.1 Validate accuracy of evidence and supplementary information 4.2 Consider the evidence against the possible breach in NRM legislation and make a preliminary determination 4.3 Prepare report with recommendations based on preliminary determination according to legislative protocols and workplace procedures 4.4 Present report and supporting documentation to agency authority 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	Organise, evaluate and critique ideas and information from land management documents, texts and data to help build and maintain a balanced understanding of NRM legislation, in order to provide informed recommendations on breaches
Writing	Generate written texts, demonstrating control over a range of writing styles and purposes associated with legal documentation
Oral Communication	Establish and maintain effective communication with stakeholders, to elicit and deliver information on breaches in NRM legislation, including in possible confrontational environments

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCNRM512 Investigate suspected breaches of natural resource management legislation	AHCNRM508 Investigate suspected breaches of natural resource management legislation	Minor changes to Application Changes to Elements and reordered, changed and added to Performance Criteria for clarity and sequencing Updated Performance Evidence, Knowledge Evidence and Assessment Conditions	Not equivalent

Links

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