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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 maintain and care for containerised nursery plants, including preparing for work, maintaining the nursery environment and plants, and completing plant maintenance operations.

The unit applies to individuals who care for nursery plants under general supervision with limited autonomy or accountability.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Nursery (NSY)

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. Prepare for work	1.1 Confirm care activities to be undertaken with supervisor 1.2 Recognise potential hazards and risks and implement safe working practices to minimise risks to self and others 1.3 Select appropriate tools and equipment for the task 1.4 Select fit, and use personal protective equipment and clothing applicable to the task

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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>
2. Maintain nursery plants	2.1 Follow hygiene practices to minimise risk of contamination 2.2 Prepare and apply fertiliser according to work instructions 2.3 Identify weeds and remove from pots as directed 2.4 Block and space plants according to spacing requirements and instructions 2.5 Prune plants using the required tools and safe work practices and according to instructions 2.6 Stake and tie plants using the required materials and according to instructions
3. Complete nursery plant maintenance operations	3.1 Remove and dispose of waste material according to workplace procedures 3.2 Clean, disinfect, maintain and store tools and equipment according to workplace procedures 3.3 Identify and report unserviceable tools and equipment according to workplace procedures 3.4 Record and report nursery plant care and maintenance 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
Writing	Use clear language and accurate industry terminology to record plant care and maintenance activity
Oral Communication	Use clear language to confirm and report plant care and maintenance operations and report tool and equipment unserviceability to supervisor

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCNSY206 Care for nursery plants	AHCNSY202 Care for nursery plants	Minor changes to application Major changes to performance criteria Foundation skills added Assessment requirements updated	Not equivalent

Links

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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 performed nursery plant care and maintenance on at least three occasions, and has:

- applied workplace health and safety requirements
- selected, cleaned, used and maintained plant care tools and equipment
- maintained nursery hygiene
- completed tasks following supervisor instructions
- removed and disposed of waste material
- recorded and reported nursery plant care, problems, operations and unserviceable tools and equipment.

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:

- workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for nursery plant care
- principles and practices of nursery plant care, including:
 - basic plant knowledge as it applies to maintaining nursery plants
 - common problems that may occur with containerised plants in a growing environment
 - hygiene and quality control when tending nursery plants.

Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:

- a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - nursery plants
 - nursery plant care and maintenance tools and equipment
 - personal protective equipment applicable to nursery plant care and maintenance
- specifications:
 - workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace and nursery plant care
 - work instructions and workplace procedures applicable to caring for nursery plants
- relationships:
 - supervisor
- timeframes:
 - according to job requirements.

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

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