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AHCNSY208 Maintain indoor plants

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Modification History

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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 indoor plants, including preparing for work, maintaining the growing environment and plants, and completing plant maintenance operations.

The unit applies to individuals who maintain indoor 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 activity 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 Collect appropriate tools and equipment for the task 1.4 Fit and use personal protective equipment applicable to the task
2. Maintain the growing	2.1 Access plants as directed and according to workplace procedures

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environment	2.2 Transport tools, equipment and materials safely according to work instructions and workplace health and safety requirements 2.3 Check that growing media condition is fit for purpose 2.4 Clean containers and growing site to ensure aesthetic and hygiene standards of indoor plants are maintained
3. Maintain indoor plants	3.1 Recognise common problems in indoor plants, and report to supervisor 3.2 Apply treatments to optimise plant health and appearance as directed 3.3 Apply water where required, in quantity and method as directed and according to workplace procedures 3.4 Replace plants when no longer at optimum health and appearance
4. Complete indoor plant maintenance operations	4.1 Remove and dispose of waste material according to workplace procedures, and perform cleaning procedures 4.2 Clean, maintain and store tools and equipment 4.3 Identify and report unserviceable tools and equipment according to workplace procedures 4.4 Record and report indoor plant 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 indoor plant maintenance activity
Oral communication	Use clear language to confirm and report indoor plant maintenance operations and report tool and equipment unserviceability

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCNSY208 Maintain indoor plants	AHCNSY204 Maintain indoor 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 maintained indoor plants on at least three occasions, and has:

- applied workplace health and safety requirements
- prepared for indoor plant maintenance activities according to workplace instructions and procedures
- selected, cleaned, used and maintained plant care tools and equipment
- monitored indoor plant environment
- inspected plant quality
- monitored and maintained health of indoor plants
- recognised common problems in indoor plants
- applied water as directed
- removed and disposed of waste material
- recorded and reported indoor plant maintenance 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 for indoor plant maintenance including health and safety requirements
- principles and practices of indoor plant maintenance, including:
 - acclimatisation techniques for indoor plants
 - risks associated with indoor plant maintenance in public spaces
 - common problems that may occur with indoor plants, and their treatment
 - growth requirements of indoor plants

- identification and characteristics of common indoor plants, and their culture
- methods of disposing of waste to minimise damage to the environment
- methods used for watering indoor plants and displays.

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:
 - indoor plants
 - indoor plant maintenance tools and equipment
 - personal protective equipment applicable to indoor plant maintenance
- specifications:
 - workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace and indoor plant maintenance
 - work instructions and workplace procedures applicable to indoor plant maintenance
- 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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