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AHCPHT203 Support horticultural crop harvesting

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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to pick crops and perform related tasks such as routine estimation of crop readiness for harvest, basic sorting, bunching and grading, and transportation of the crop from the field.

It applies to individuals who work under general supervision and exercise limited autonomy with some accountability for their own work. They undertake defined activities and work in a structured context.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil.

Unit Sector

Production horticulture (PHT)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Element	Performance criteria
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Prepare equipment for harvesting	1.1 Carry out pre-operational and safety checks tools, equipment and machinery 1.2 Recognise workplace hazards and report safety concerns 1.3 Use and maintained personal protective equipment (PPE)
2. Harvest the crop	2.1 Ensure harvesting procedures minimise crop and plant damage 2.2 Carry out basic sorting and grading 2.3 Clean and maintain harvesting tools, equipment and machinery

Element	Performance criteria
	2.4 Report harvesting problems
3. Transport the crop	3.1 Use safe manual handling when handling containers 3.2 Move and stack containers to minimise damage to the crop 3.3 Maintain temperature of the harvested crop 3.4 Transport the crop from the field to the processing or storage area 3.5 Maintain containers in good working order

Foundation Skills

Foundation Skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

Unit Mapping Information

This unit is equivalent to AHCPHT203A Support horticultural crop harvesting.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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

Assessment Requirements for AHCPTH203 Support horticultural crop harvesting

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Performance Evidence

The candidate must be assessed on their ability to integrate and apply the performance requirements of this unit in a workplace setting. Performance must be demonstrated consistently over time and in a suitable range of contexts.

The candidate must provide evidence that they can:

- estimate the readiness of produce for picking
- harvest the crop using the correct technique
- select and grade produce at picking where required
- stack produce in containers without causing damage or losses
- transport produce from the field according to enterprise requirements

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- principles and practices for harvesting horticultural crops
 - enterprise quality procedures
 - grading characteristics of each crop
 - recognition of crop maturity of a range of crops
 - the effect of adverse climatic conditions such as rain, hail, extreme wind with dust, or very high ultraviolet radiation, which may downgrade the quality of affected crop, prevent or impede harvest operations or severely influence the time taken to complete the harvest program
 - the importance of maintaining quality of produce, including cooling requirements and quick transport from field to processing areas

Assessment Conditions

Assessors must satisfy current standards for RTOs.

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