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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 plant horticultural crops in the annual, vegetable and flower growing industries, including preparing for crop planting, preparing site and plant material for planting and completing planting operations.

The unit applies to individuals who plant horticultural crops 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

Production Horticulture (PHT)

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 crop planting operations	1.1 Confirm crop planting activities and instructions with supervisor 1.2 Select tools, equipment and machinery appropriate for crop planting 1.3 Identify workplace health and safety hazards, and report to supervisor 1.4 Select and maintain personal protective equipment (PPE) according to workplace health and safety 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>
	1.5 Fit and use PPE applicable to the task being undertaken
2. Prepare the site and plant material for planting	2.1 Prepare soil or growing media according to instructions 2.2 Carry out crop protection measures according to instructions 2.3 Apply pre-planting treatments according to instructions where required 2.4 Store planting material to required location
3. Carry out planting operations	3.1 Operate soil preparation tools, equipment and machinery where required according to instructions and manufacturer instructions 3.2 Locate planting material according to instructions 3.3 Store, handle and transport planting materials to the site 3.4 Plant crop according to instructions 3.5 Identify environmental and biosecurity implications associated with planting crops, and minimise impact
4. Complete planting operations	4.1 Water plants in and apply post-planting treatments 4.2 Clean and return tools, equipment and machinery to required location 4.3 Identify and report unserviceable tools, equipment and machinery according to workplace procedures 4.4 Record and report planting operations 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	Interpret textual information from a range of sources to identify relevant and key information about planting of horticultural crops
Writing	Use clear language and accurate industry terminology to record planting activity

Skill	Description
Oral communication	Use clear language to confirm and report planting operations and report tool, equipment and machinery unserviceability to supervisor

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCPHT215 Plant horticultural crops	AHCPHT201 Plant horticultural crops	Minor changes to application Major changes to performance criteria Foundation skills added Assessment requirements updated	Not equivalent

Links

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Assessment Requirements for AHCPTH215 Plant horticultural crops

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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 horticultural crop planting on at least one occasion, and has:

- selected, used and maintained crop planting tools and equipment
- applied workplace health and safety requirements
- applied treatments under supervision where required
- operated and maintained crop planting machinery where required according to manufacturer specifications
- located planting material
- minimised environmental impacts associated with crop planting
- followed industry and workplace biosecurity procedures
- recorded and reported planting 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:

- principles and practices for planting horticultural crops, including:
 - basic preparation of soil and growing media
 - importance of correct timing and procedures for crop planting
 - importance of field hygiene and quality control in regard to crop planting
 - nutritional, water and other requirements of the crop
 - basic principles of pest, weed and disease control
 - pre-planting soil and plant treatments and their importance
 - basic soil structure and health
- workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for planting horticultural crops

- horticultural crop planting tools, equipment and machinery operating instructions and manufacturer specifications
- environmental impacts associated with planting horticultural crops
- industry and workplace biosecurity procedures.

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:
 - crop planting tools, equipment and machinery
 - pre-planting soil and plant treatment material
 - personal protective equipment applicable to planting horticultural crops
- specifications:
 - horticultural crop planting tools, equipment and machinery operating instructions and manufacturer specifications
 - workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace and planting horticultural crops
 - industry and workplace biosecurity procedures applicable to planting horticultural crops
- 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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