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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 prepare and mix raw materials into a suitable feedstock mixture, monitor the composting process, conduct quality control inspection and clean up.

The unit applies to individuals who prepare raw materials and compost feedstock under broad direction, and take responsibility for their own work and for the quality of the work of others.

All work is carried out to comply with workplace procedures, health and safety in the workplace requirements, legislative and regulatory requirements.

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. Organise for processing	1.1 Determine processing requirements from job specifications 1.2 Identify potential hazards and risks, and implement safe working practices to manage risks 1.3 Select required materials, equipment and machinery, and check for safe operation

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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. Prepare raw materials and compost the feedstock mixture	2.1 Identify and collect raw materials and additives, and check for physical contamination 2.2 Confirm composting technology and methods to be used according to raw material types and workplace product requirements 2.3 Pre-process raw materials into suitable forms for composting 2.4 Mix pre-processed raw materials into suitable feedstock mixtures for composting 2.5 Handle feedstock mixtures for composting according to technology, appropriate method and industry best practice 2.6 Assign batch numbers or codes, and create batch documentation to enable tracking of batch
3. Monitor composting process	3.1 Monitor composting batch by observing and using field testing equipment 3.2 Maintain processing and operations records for process control and to track batch through the compost production cycle 3.3 Identify and report faults or variations to supervisor, and take remedial action to maintain effective and consistent compost production
4. Conduct quality control inspection	4.1 Inspect and assess finished compost for compliance according to workplace product requirements 4.2 Report faults or variations in compost product 4.3 Adjust and reprocess non-compliant product 4.4 Confirm compliance of compost batch according to workplace product requirements 4.5 Complete batch documentation for compliant compost product 4.6 Inform sales and operational staff members that product is suitable for sale or preparation of value-added products
5. Clean up area	5.1 Clean and secure load-shift machinery and other processing equipment according to workplace procedures 5.2 Clear away raw materials and finished compost products to designated areas, and clean processing site

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 raw material and compost feedstock preparation
Oral communication	Use clear language to report compost production faults or variations to supervisor
Numeracy skills	Calculate quantities and ratios of raw materials and feedstock mixtures

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCPHT302 Prepare raw materials and compost feedstock	AHCPHT307 Prepare raw materials and compost feedstock	Performance criteria clarified Foundation skills added Assessment requirements updated	Equivalent

Links

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Assessment Requirements for AHCPTH302 Prepare raw materials and compost feedstock

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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 prepared raw materials and compost feedstock on at least three occasions, and has:

- applied workplace health and safety requirements
- prepared raw materials for composting according to workplace product requirements
- established, maintained and completed compost batch documentation
- prepared batches for composting according to defined compost recipes
- conducted and interpreted basic field test results to confirm effective processing and defined intervention required to rectify composting processes
- maintained processing operations records.

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 preparing composting raw materials, including:
 - Australian composting standards
 - batch documentation techniques
 - characteristics of a range of raw materials
 - compost production cycle
 - compost quality standards
 - fundamental characteristics of compost quality
 - key process control stages critical to consistent compost production
 - overview of systems and technologies used in compost production
 - principles of commercial compost production
 - range and characteristics of categories of compost product
 - steps in pre-processing compost materials

- workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for preparing raw materials and compost feedstock.

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:
 - commercial composting materials, equipment and machinery, and load-shift machinery
 - raw compost materials and feedstock mixtures
 - field testing equipment
- specifications:
 - workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for preparing raw materials and compost feedstock
- relationships:
 - supervisor, sales and operational staff members
- timeframes:
 - according to job specification 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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