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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 2	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 3.0.
Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 1.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to euthanise animals using firearms and techniques appropriate for the type and mobility of the animal.

The unit applies to individuals who hold a valid firearms license and work under broad direction and take responsibility for their own work. They use discretion and judgement in the selection, allocation and use of available resources and for solving problems.

State or territory licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply in some jurisdictions. Destruction of pest animals must comply with state animal cruelty legislation.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Pest Management (PMG)

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. Plan for the shooting activity	1.1 Map location and boundaries for the shoot in accordance with the pest management plan and monitoring program 1.2 Confirm location of habitats, habits and range of movement of target animal 1.3 Determine timing of the shoot based on the activity patterns of the

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	target animal and estimate time required to complete the shoot 1.4 Identify hazards and risks and apply control measures associated with the shoot according to workplace safety procedures 1.5 Identify environmental and personal and public safety risks associated with the shoot 1.6 Identify, fit and use suitable personal protective equipment and warning signs required for the activity
2. Prepare for the shooting activity	2.1 Confirm anatomy and physical features identifying location of vulnerable organs of target animal 2.2 Take precautions to minimise hazards and environmental risks associated with the shoot 2.3 Select vehicles, equipment and materials intended for use and check for serviceability 2.4 Ensure firearm licences and permits are current and applicable to purpose 2.5 Select firearm and ammunition types to comply with recommendations and workplace procedures for target animal 2.6 Ensure firearms, ammunition, and stowage for transportation meets licensing requirements 2.7 Check and prepare firearm and ammunition 2.8 Zero and test firearm according to workplace procedures 2.9 Stow firearm for transport according to legislative and regulatory requirements and workplace procedures
3. Shoot animals	3.1 Carry firearm safely with muzzle pointing in safe direction at all times according to industry best practice and workplace procedures 3.2 Load, discharge and unload firearm according to safety procedures 3.3 Aim firearm at vulnerable organ on the target animal and discharge firearm to kill using a single shot 3.4 Check each target animal to ensure it is dead prior to selecting the next target animal 3.5 Euthanise target animals that have not been killed cleanly 3.6 Handle carcasses required for research or commercial use to minimise personal health and safety and biosecurity risks 3.7 Dispose of animal carcasses not required for research or other

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	purposes according to enterprise procedures to minimise biosecurity or public safety and health risks
4. Clean and store equipment and material	4.1 Clean and store carcasses for research or commercial use 4.2 Clean and store equipment and materials according to workplace practices 4.3 Clean, maintain and store firearms in line with regulatory standards 4.4 Store ammunition safely 4.5 Report or record activity completion according to workplace practices

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	Accurately completes organisational records and reports using clear language and industry terminology
Navigate the world of work	- Takes responsibility for following explicit and implicit licencing requirements, policies, procedures, codes of practice and legislative requirements - Be up to date with state or territory and federal legislation related to the use of firearms licensing
Get the work done	- Takes responsibility for planning, sequencing and prioritising tasks and workload - Makes routine decisions and implements standard procedures for routine tasks, using formal decision making processes

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title	Code and title	Comments	Equivalence status
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current version	previous version		
AHCPMG304 Use firearms to humanely destroy animals Release 2	AHCPMG304 Use firearms to humanely destroy animals Release 1	Minor changes to Performance Criteria for clarity Updated Performance Evidence and Knowledge Evidence	Equivalent unit

Links

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