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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.

Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit. There must be evidence that on at least one occasion the individual has demonstrated that they have applied a pest animal control technique, including:

- identified the control techniques and selected equipment and resources required
- Identified hazards and risks and controls measure
- identified target and non-target animals
- obtained permits and licences and notified stakeholders of intended works
- checked vehicles, selected equipment and materials for serviceability and cleaned equipment before and after implementation
- prepared timeline and selected and prepared the site for control activity and restored it on completion
- prepared, installed and checked, safety warning signs, control equipment, materials according to plan
- applied controls according to timelines and control plan
- reconciled controls against plan within specified timeframes
- recorded details of control activities to comply with enterprise and legislative requirements
- reported results of control
- reconciled, cleaned and maintained equipment and disposed of waste according to workplace and environmental procedures.

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:

- requirements for ensuring the welfare of animals described in the relevant Codes of Practice and standard operating procedures
- the purpose and scope of the animal control program
- suitable control techniques and timing of control activities based on:
 - the target animal's range, movement patterns, behaviour and habitats
 - the reproductive cycle of the target animal
 - target animal behaviours and biology relevant to control technique
 - food preferences, both general and local, of target animals
 - scent station and other animal tracks and traces
 - target pests and non-target native animals found in the area
 - the environment and terrain of the target area
- appropriate calibre of firearm required to euthanise animals
- euthanasia procedures, including capture and kill points for animals
- licencing, permissions and notification protocols
- precautions that need to be taken to minimise harm to non-target animals
- health and safety in the workplace procedures that relate to animal control activities including personal protective equipment
- recording and reporting requirements
- procedures for using, recording and reconciling baits and poisons
- relevant legislation for pest animal control activities
- transportation methods for captured animals or carcasses
- land reparation works, waste disposal and the environment.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in the field or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live pest animals
 - tools and equipment used for pest animal control program
 - personal protective equipment
- specifications:
 - workplace documents including policies, procedures, processes and forms for record keeping
 - use of manufacturers' operating instructions for specific equipment, machinery
 - safety data sheets
 - workplace instructions and client briefs
 - specific legislation and codes of practice.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

In addition, the following specific assessor requirements apply to this unit if firearms are used to destroy animals:

- must possess firearms licences
- appropriate experience in using firearms for pest control.

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet -

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