



Australian Government

AHCPMG309 Apply pest animal control techniques

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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 apply control techniques for pest animals, in compliance with a pest management plan. This includes involving the use of vertebrate pesticides, traps (except leg hold traps), cages, lures and firearms with the animal humanely destroyed according to industry guidelines or protocols.

The unit applies to individuals who 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.

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. Prepare for pest control	1.1 Identify control techniques to be used in the pest management plan 1.2 Identify health and safety in the workplace hazards and risks associated with the control technique and apply controls

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	1.3 Identify health and safety hazards and risks in the workplace that could adversely impact on the environment, off-target animals and public and apply controls 1.4 Select and check materials, equipment and vehicles according to pest management plan 1.5 Clean, calibrate and prepare equipment according to workplace procedures 1.6 Obtain permits, permissions and licences for affected properties and follow appropriate notification plan for stakeholders 1.7 Prepare timeline for pest control operation according to industry best practise or protocols
2. Implement pest control	2.1 Identify target and non-target animals according to workplace procedures 2.2 Select site to maximise impact of control methods on target animals and minimise impact on non-target animals. 2.3 Check planned control technique applies to current target pest, site, current conditions and timing 2.4 Install notification and warning signage according to control plan and health and safety in the workplace procedures 2.5 Carry out control activities according to control plan and health and safety in the workplace procedures 2.6 Follow control timelines for control technique 2.7 Maintain records of control plan activities and outcomes according to workplace procedures 2.8 Monitor site according to control plan and local conditions 2.9 Euthanise animals according to pest control plan and workplace procedures
3. Complete the pest control work	3.1 Ensure equipment and unused resources are reconciled against plan and removed from site according to pest control plan and workplace procedures 3.2 Dispose of waste and animal carcasses and restore site according to pest control plan, workplace and environmental procedures 3.3 Clean, maintain and store equipment and materials according to workplace procedures 3.4 Report results of control activities according to workplace

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	procedures and legislative and regulatory requirements

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	Read and interpret plans, regulations, and other documentation and consolidates information to determine pest control plan and implement control measures
Writing	Accurately complete organisational records, plans and reports using clear language and industry terminology
Numeracy	Perform calculations for volumes, weights and measures for application rates of chemicals, baits and materials
Oral Communication	Effectively participate in verbal exchanges including active listening and questioning and reading of verbal and non-verbal signals to convey and clarify information to stakeholders
Navigate the world of work	Take responsibility for following explicit and implicit policies, procedures, codes of practice and legislative requirements
Get the work done	- Take responsibility for planning, sequencing and prioritising tasks and workload - Make routine decisions and implements standard procedures for routine tasks, using formal decision-making processes

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCPMG309 Apply pest animal control techniques Release 2	AHCPMG309 Apply pest animal control techniques Release 1	Minor changes to consolidate Performance Criteria for clarity Updated Performance	Equivalent unit

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Links

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