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AHCVPT201A Clear features that harbour pest animals

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Modification History

Not Applicable

Unit Descriptor

Unit descriptor	This unit covers the process of clearing features and destruction of habitats that harbour pest animals without damaging native animal habitats and flora and defines the standard required to: interpret instructions for pest animal destruction; identify the natural areas and features that are part of pest animal habitat; clear areas infested by pests and destroy pest habitat; check for areas that can be reinfested; avoid disturbing protected or endangered plant and animal species; leave cleared areas in required state of repatriation.
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Application of the Unit

Application of the unit	This unit applies to clearing features that harbour pest animals and is usually conducted within established routines, methods and procedures.
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Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not Applicable

Pre-Requisites

Prerequisite units		

Employability Skills Information

Employability skills	This unit contains employability skills.
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Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

Not Applicable

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ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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1. Determine clearing work required	1.1.Characteristics of the features that harbour the target pest are identified. 1.2.Locations of the habitat of the target pest are identified. 1.3.Approaches to work including estimated time required to clear features and destroy pest habitats are determined. 1.4.Hazards associated with the job are identified in accordance with Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) standards. 1.5.Environmental risks associated with the job are identified in accordance with statutory and local authority requirements. 1.6.Vehicles, equipment and materials required to complete the habitat destruction are identified.
2. Prepare for clearing and destruction work	2.1.Location and boundaries for the clearing are mapped in accordance with the pest management strategy and monitoring program. 2.2.Precautions to minimise hazards associated with the clearing are taken in accordance with OHS standards. 2.3.Precautions to minimise environmental risks associated with the clearing are taken in accordance with statutory and local authority requirements. 2.4.Vehicles, equipment and materials are checked for serviceability in accordance with manufacturer's specifications and relevant policies. 2.5.Actions to prevent interference with non-target species are taken as necessary. 2.6.Appropriate licences, permits and clearances are obtained prior to commencement of work.
3. Clear land and destroy pest habitats	3.1.Areas containing pest habitat are dogged prior to commencing destruction procedures if required. 3.2.Features and habitats which harbour target pest are cleared in accordance with industry practice. 3.3.Habitats are destroyed using approved procedures and techniques in accordance with industry practice. 3.4.Destroyed habitats are checked for remaining sites that can be accessed and restored by pest animals. 3.5.Remaining sites that can be accessed and restored by pest animals are made inaccessible. 3.6.Area is monitored over a prescribed period to detect

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	signs of reinfestation. 3.7. Native and other valued flora are protected as required in accordance with environmental statutory requirements. 3.8. Debris is disposed of in accordance with industry practice.
4. Clean and store equipment and material	4.1. Equipment and materials are cleaned and stored in accordance with relevant standards and policies. 4.2. Job completion is reported or recorded in accordance with relevant policies and procedures.

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit.

Required skills

- communicate with work colleagues
- assess risks to environment and take measures to control them
- use and maintenance of tools and equipment
- record and report task completion and, where necessary, observations of property status
- prepare for the clearing job
- destroy habitats that harbour pest animals
- clean and store equipment and materials
- use literacy skills to follow sequenced written instructions and record information accurately and legibly
- use oral communication skills/language competence to fulfil the job role as specified by the organisation including questioning, active listening, asking for clarification and seeking advice from supervisor
- use numeracy skills to estimate, calculate and record routine workplace measures
- use interpersonal skills to relate to people from a range of social, cultural and ethnic backgrounds and with a range of physical and mental abilities.

Required knowledge

- legislation®ulations relating to environmental protection
- legislation®ulations relating to pest animals
- legislation®ulations relating to activities in nature reserves and heritage areas

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- OHS legislative and enterprise requirements
- common law principles relating to property, stock, duty of care and due diligence
- risks to land users' posed by pest animals including exotic diseases and zoonoses
- pest life cycles and behaviours
- harbours used by pest animals
- harbours used by non-target species.

Evidence Guide

EVIDENCE GUIDE	
The evidence guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge, range statement and the Assessment Guidelines for the Training Package.	
Overview of assessment	
Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit	The evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit must be relevant to workplace operations and satisfy holistically all of the requirements of the performance criteria and required skills and knowledge and include achievement of the following: • interpret instructions for pest animal destruction • identify the natural areas and features that are part of pest animal habitat • clear areas infested by pests and destroy pest habitat • check for areas that can be reinfested • avoid disturbing protected or endangered plant and animal species • leave cleared areas in required state of repatriation.
Context of and specific resources for assessment	Competency requires the application of work practices under work conditions. Selection and use of resources for some worksites may differ due to the regional or enterprise circumstances.

Range Statement

RANGE STATEMENT	
The range statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole.	
Features may include:	• food and water sources • physical cover such as warren, surface logs, refuse and vegetation clumps.

Unit Sector(s)

Unit sector	Vertebrate pests
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Co-requisite units

Co-requisite units		

Competency field

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