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AMPGAM303 Use firearms to safely and humanely harvest wild game

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Modification History

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Release 1	This version released with AMP Australian Meat Processing Training Package Version 8.0.

Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to harvest wild game animals humanely following animal welfare standards.

This unit applies to individuals who harvest wild game in the field.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety and animal welfare regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.

Individuals undertaking this unit must hold a current firearms/shooters licence. Other legislative and regulatory requirements also apply to wild game harvesting and are enforced through state/territory jurisdictions. Users must check with the relevant regulatory authority before delivery.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Wild Game (GAM)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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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>
1. Plan harvesting of wild game animals	1.1 Confirm anatomy and physical features of target animal, including location of vulnerable organs of target animal 1.2 Identify location of habitats, habits and range of movements of

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	target animal 1.3 Determine timing of the harvest based on the activity patterns of the target animal 1.4 Identify hazards associated with the harvest, and control risks according to workplace health and safety standards 1.5 Identify environmental and public safety risks associated with the harvest 1.6 Identify animal welfare guidelines and ensure they are followed during harvest
2. Prepare for the harvesting operations	2.1 Determine location and boundaries for the harvest according to the animal management plan 2.2 Check time and duration of the harvest and notify relevant personnel, where required 2.3 Take precautions to minimise hazards and risks associated with the harvest according to workplace health and safety standards 2.4 Take precautions to minimise environmental risks associated with the harvest 2.5 Confirm firearm licences, harvesting permits or exemptions as current according to statutory requirements 2.6 Select firearm and ammunition types to comply with those recommended for the target animal according to regulatory requirements and animal ethics guidelines 2.7 Zero and test-fire firearm according to industry practice 2.8 Stow firearm unloaded and in safety mode for transport
3. Harvest animals	3.1 Use personal protective equipment (PPE) according to workplace health and safety standards and statutory requirements 3.2 Carry firearm safely with muzzle pointing in safe direction at all times according to statutory requirements and industry practice 3.3 Load, discharge and unload firearm safely according to regulatory requirements 3.4 Inspect target animal pre-harvest for suitability 3.5 Aim firearm at head of target species 3.6 Kill each target animal using a single brain shot for commercial harvest

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	3.7 Check each target animal to ensure it is dead prior to selecting the next target animal 3.8 Tag and record animals to be left in the field as a result of a non-brain shot, according to state requirements 3.9 Bleed carcasses according to industry practice
4. Euthanise dependent young	4.1 Check any female animals for dependent young 4.2 If found, destroy dependent young in a humane manner, according to relevant codes and animal welfare guidelines
5. Clean and store equipment and material	5.1 Maintain and store firearms according to manufacturer instructions and statutory requirements 5.2 Store ammunition according to statutory requirements 5.3 Complete records according to workplace 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	Interpret regulatory and licensing requirements, and codes of practice

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AMPGAM303 Use firearms to safely and humanely harvest wild game	AMPG306 Use firearms to harvest wild game	Unit code and title updated Performance Criteria clarified Element 4 added	Not equivalent

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		Foundation Skills added Performance Evidence, Knowledge Evidence and Assessment Conditions revised	

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Assessment Requirements for AMPGAM303 Use firearms to safely and humanely harvest wild game

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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 used firearms to safely, and humanely, harvest at least one wild game animal, including:

- confirmed the species to be harvested
- prepared and handled ammunition and weapons safely
- ensured the harvesting area is clear and notifications have been made where necessary
- assessed viability of shot
- shot the target animal in the brain as prescribed in the relevant code of practice
- minimised animal trauma
- euthanised dependent young, if applicable
- identified hazards and implemented safe operating procedures
- maintained and stowed weapons in line with regulatory requirements.

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:

- workplace health and safety, environment, public risk and animal welfare legislative and workplace requirements
- common law principles relating to property, stock, duty of care and due diligence
- target animal life cycles and behaviours
- anatomy and physical features of target animal
- correct use of personal protection equipment (PPE)
- firearms safety
- suitable firearms and ammunition for target species
- emergency procedures for serious injuries occurring during harvesting.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in the field harvesting wild game or in an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - weapon and ammunition
 - wild game
 - PPE
- specifications:
 - safe work procedures
 - relevant codes of practice.

Assessment for this unit must include at least three forms of evidence.

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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