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Modification History

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Release 1	This version released with FBP Food, Beverage and Pharmaceutical Training Package Version 8.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to gather and harvest native plants for processing as Australian bush food. Native plants may include fruit, nuts, leaves and/or seed.

The unit applies to individuals who work with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people to gather, forage, harvest and prepare local native plants for processing and commercial sale.

Legislation, regulations, and by-laws relating to the collection and removal of plant materials from public and private land apply. Users are advised to check with the local, relevant authority.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Bush Foods (BSH)

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. Identify local native plants to be harvested	1.1 Investigate main types and traditional uses of native plants 1.2 Identify scientific and local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander plant name 1.3 Consult with local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people to ensure cultural protocols are followed

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2. Harvest required plants	2.1 Confirm season and location have been considered and plants are suitable for harvest 2.2 Prepare harvesting equipment according to supervisor instruction 2.3 Follow workplace processes for safely harvesting plants 2.4 Collect identified plants using appropriate method 2.5 Remove any foreign material and clean plants in preparation for storage 2.6 Dispose of waste according to supervisor instruction
3. Prepare and store harvested plants	3.1 Confirm plants have been inspected for disease or pests with supervisor 3.2 Ensure plants are labelled according to supervisor's instruction 3.3 Package plants following relevant food safety standards

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	Document labels and record information
Oral communication	Use culturally appropriate language

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
FBPBSH201 Participate in wild harvesting of native plants for food	Not applicable	The unit has been created to address a skill or task required by industry that is not covered by an existing	Newly created

processing		unit	
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Links

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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 on at least one occasion:

- followed supervisor instructions for harvesting plants
- worked in partnership with local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people
- followed Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural protocols
- Identified at least three Australian native food products and their traditional and cultural uses relevant to workplace
- selected and used relevant equipment for harvesting of plants
- harvested plants according to season and location
- separated plants from waste materials
- labelled and documented harvested plants
- stored plants according to workplace processes
- packaged food to relevant food safety standards.

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:

- the importance of ensuring free, prior and informed consent from local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people prior to harvesting native plants
- climate and seasonal changes for harvesting location
- traditional and cultural uses of plants for food, botanicals and medicines
- plants which may become toxic at certain times of the year or in certain locations
- safe use of harvesting equipment
- basic legislative requirements relevant to harvesting plants from public and private land, including:
 - relevant commonwealth, state or territory laws

- licensing requirements
- key requirements of state/territory food safety legislation, relevant to workplace
- principles for plant collection related to work instruction, including:
 - processes for the safe collection, treatment and storage of plants
 - environmental requirements in relation to waste disposal
 - methods to separate plants from waste materials
 - viruses and/or pests which may affect plants
 - labelling plants and the need for accurate recording
 - plant treatments and storage requirements for collected species.

Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated on Country and/or within an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community or an environment that accurately represents these conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - tools and equipment specific to the plant type and location
 - Commonwealth, state or territory legislation
- specifications:
 - workplace instructions relevant to collection of plants
- relationships:
 - supervisor
 - local Community Elders and/or Custodians.

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:

- assessment must be undertaken by an assessor who is:

an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Elder and/or Custodian or:

- accompanied by, and in communication with, an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person who is a recognised member of the community with experience and knowledge of local native plants.

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