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Assessment Requirements for MSL975073 Perform laboratory-based ecological techniques

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Modification History

Release 1. Supersedes and equivalent to MSL975045 Perform laboratory-based ecological techniques. Change to prerequisite unit code only.

Performance Evidence

There must be evidence the candidate has completed the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit, and:

- effectively identified and classified at least 5 different animal and plant species for scientific and experimental purposes
- processed, labelled, preserved and stored at least 5 different kinds of specimens, taking care not to contaminate sterile environments or specimens
- performed procedures and analyses to monitor the physiology of 5 different organisms/specimens in the experimental environment and maintained their viability.

Knowledge Evidence

There must be evidence the candidate has knowledge of:

- growth requirements of organisms that are subjects of laboratory or greenhouse culture or propagation relevant to job role
- general anatomy of plants and animals that is useful as classification data
- processes that are essential for preservation of plant and animal material for use as reference material
- relationships between field and laboratory data that are useful in giving commentary on the integrity or distress in biological environments
- rationale for selection of techniques used to monitor the experimental environment and the effects of variables on organisms in the experimental environment
- uses of environmental impact statements that incorporate the results of field and laboratory analyses
- workplace and/or legal traceability requirements
- awareness of environmental sustainability issues as they relate to the work task
- legal, ethical and work health and safety (WHS) requirements specific to the work task including traceability, confidentiality and security requirements of all client information, and laboratory data and records.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must have been demonstrated in the workplace or in a simulated environment that reflects workplace conditions and contingencies. The following conditions must be met for this unit:

- use of suitable facilities, equipment and resources, including:
 - equipment and resources for investigating the physiology of plants and animals in the laboratory
 - workplace procedures, sampling plans, test methods and equipment manuals
 - computers and programs for simulated experiments or data analysis
 - items of equipment, reagents, specimens and systems for botanical and zoological techniques
 - laboratory information management systems (LIMS), databases, record and filing systems, including specimen accessioning.

Assessors must satisfy the NVR/AQTF mandatory competency requirements for assessors.

Links

MSL Laboratory Operations Companion Volume Implementation Guide is available from VETNet – -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=5c63a03b-4a6b-4ae5-9560-1e3c5f462baa>