



Australian Government

SIFCBGM001 Provide general grounds care

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to carry out basic maintenance of grassed and planted areas, such as garden beds and landscape works. It applies to general grounds maintenance staff whose work involves working under supervision and according to work health and safety, relevant legislation and workplace policies and procedures.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Competency Field

Building and Grounds Maintenance

Unit Sector

Cemetery and Crematoria

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Maintain grassed areas.	1.1 Liaise with supervisor to identify and confirm the mowing height, pattern and distances from tree trunks and shrubs. 1.2 Select, prepare and use mowing tools and equipment. 1.3 Trim edges according to work requirements. 1.4 Apply fertiliser according to manufacturer guidelines. 1.5 Dispose of grass trimmings and other waste.
2. Weed grassed and planted areas.	2.1 Identify weeds to be removed. 2.2 Select, prepare and use weeding tools and equipment. 2.3 Prepare and administer weed treatments according to manufacturer guidelines. 2.4 Remove and dispose of weeds using wastage disposal methods that prevent weed spread.

2.5 Clean site according to workplace policies and procedures.

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| 3. Water grassed and planted areas. | 3.1 Select, prepare and use watering tools and equipment. |
| | 3.2 Apply water to grass and plants according to their health requirements. |
| | 3.3 Drain, clean and store equipment according to manufacturer guidelines. |
| 4. Maintain plants in healthy condition. | 4.1 Apply fertiliser according to manufacturer guidelines. |
| | 4.2 Treat dead, diseased and damaged plants as required after regular inspection. |
| | 4.3 Clean, maintain and store tools and equipment according to manufacturer guidelines. |

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential to performance.

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Unit Mapping Information

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Links

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Assessment Requirements for SIFCBGM001 Provide general grounds care

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Not applicable.

Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to:

- select, prepare, use, clean and maintain the required tools and equipment according to supervisor instructions and manufacturer guidelines
- maintain grassed and planted areas including: the application of fertiliser; the treatment and removal of weeds, and diseased and damaged plants; the watering of grass and plants; and clean up of the work site
- apply safe handling techniques for chemicals, tools and equipment.

Evidence of performance of providing general grounds care on two or more occasions is required to demonstrate consistency of performance and ability to respond to different situations.

Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrated knowledge of:

- tools and equipment used for general grounds care, including those for mowing, weeding and watering needs
- different weed types and associated treatment controls
- types and characteristics of annual and perennial weeds
- water and general health requirements of plants
- differences between chemical and non-chemical weed treatment controls
- federal, state or territory, and local government legislation and regulations that impact on grounds maintenance
- environmental impacts in relation to general grounds care and minimal impact practices to reduce these, especially those that relate to resource, water and energy use
- environmentally sound disposal methods for all types of waste and in particular for hazardous substance, spoiled and diseased plant material and those that have a propensity to propagate weeds
- workplace policies and procedure in regard to carrying out general grounds care.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in the workplace or in a simulated environment that is as industry realistic as possible. In a simulated environment, it is essential that assessment is conducted:

- using suitable facilities, equipment and resources, including:
 - an environment that has plants and grass, including plants in different states of repair
 - weed treatments, fertilisers, watering, weeding and mowing equipment and personal protective equipment
- under industry conditions where there is:
 - integration of tasks with possible interruptions to work typical of the job role
 - speed and timing requirements that reflect commercial operating conditions
 - interaction with supervisor

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

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