Modification history

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| Release | Comments |
| Release 2 | This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 5.0. |
| Release 1 | This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 1.0. |

| AHCNAR202 | Maintain wildlife habitat refuges |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to maintain wildlife habitats and refuges to protect desirable animal species from predators.  The unit applies to individuals who work under general supervision and exercise limited autonomy with some accountability for own work. They undertake defined activities and work in a structured context.  No licensing, legislative or certification requirements are known to apply to this unit at the time of publication. |
| Prerequisite Unit | Nil |
| Unit Sector | Natural Area Restoration (NAR) |

| Elements | Performance Criteria |
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| Elements describe the essential outcomes. | Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. |
| 1. Assess the scope of the refuge maintenance job | 1.1 Identify target species to be protected from predators and recognise their behaviour pattern  1.2 Identify characteristics of refuges required for target species from instructions  1.3 Determine locations of refuges from management plan  1.4 Estimate time to complete the work  1.5 Identify environmental risks associated with the work  1.6 Determine vehicles, equipment and materials required to complete the work |
| 2. Prepare for the refuge maintenance job | 2.1 Determine location and boundaries for the wildlife habitat refuge work according to maintenance plan  2.2 Identify hazards, assess risk and implement controls according to workplace health and safety procedures  2.3 Control environmental and biosecurity risks associated with work  2.4 Check and prepare vehicles, equipment and materials for serviceability according to manufacturer specifications and workplace biosecurity procedures |
| 3. Maintain wildlife habitat refuges for protection of desirable species from predators | 3.1 Operate vehicles and equipment according to manufacturer and workplace procedures  3.2 Maintain wildlife habitat refuges according to maintenance plan, industry practices and environmental requirements  3.3 Implement strategies to control vertebrate pests in a wildlife habitat according to pest control plan  3.4 Identify harbours used by pest animals and report to supervisor  3.5 Collect and dispose of waste from site according to industry and environmental practices and work health and safety procedures |
| 4. Clean and store equipment and material | 4.1 Clean and store equipment and materials according to workplace and biosecurity procedures  4.2 Record job completion according to workplace procedures |

| 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. | |
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| Skill | Description |
| Reading | * Use a range of basic reading strategies to identify and interpret wildlife habitat maintenance plans and use the information to comply with the standards and requirements of maintenance works |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| AHCNAR202 Maintain wildlife habitat refuges  Release 2 | AHCNAR202 Maintain wildlife habitat refuges  Release 1 | Edited Application  Changes made to Performance criteria for clarity and brevity  Updated Performance Evidence, Knowledge Evidence and Assessment Conditions | Equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for AHCNAR202 Maintain wildlife habitat refuges |
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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 identified the scope of work and implemented maintenance practices for wildlife habitat refuges in one of the following environments:   * terrestrial * marine or aquatic * arboreal   There must also be evidence that the individual has:   * maintained wildlife habitats and refuges to protect desirable fauna * identified native species that are present in the wildlife refuge * confirmed the features required for a wildlife habitat refuge * provided harbors and modified habitat according to plan to provide refuge for native species * conducted a health and safety risk assessment and implemented controls for the site * implemented strategies to control vertebrate pests in a wildlife habitat according to maintenance plan * applied biosecurity and sustainable practices during maintenance work. | |

| Knowledge Evidence |
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| 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:   * recognition and common names of native fauna, predators and vertebrate pests for a specified site * ecological principles for habitat and refuges, including: * recognition of basic ecosystems and animal behaviour and habitat * interactions between flora and fauna and impact on success of habitat and refuges * types and positioning of habitat refuges for best protection from elements and predators * importance of biodiversity in an ecological community and impact on wildlife management practices and habitat refuge, including: * terrestrial plant communities and relation to animal habitat and refuges * marine and water refuges for aquatic species * vertebrate pests and their impact on other fauna and habitat, including: * harbours and refuges used by vertebrate pests * basic control strategies for vertebrate pests in natural ecosystems * impact of control strategies on native fauna * wildlife habitat and refuges used by desirable marine, aquatic or terrestrial animal species, including: * tree hollows * ground burrows * ground and arboreal nests * coral and coral outcrops * rock outcrops, ledges and crevices * thickets and dense vegetation and forests * tall vegetation, grass and grasslands * wildlife habitat modification techniques. |

| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions: * skills must be demonstrated in the field in one of the environments specified in the Performance Evidence * resources, equipment and materials: * live animals requiring refuges * use of specific tools used in maintaining habitat refuges * use of personal protective equipment * specifications: * use of specific workplace procedures for maintaining habitat refuges * use of workplace instructions/job specifications/client briefs] * relationships: * supervisor   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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