

Modification history

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

AMPGAM3X3	Use firearms to safely and humanely harvest wild game
Application	<p>This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to harvest animals humanely following animal welfare standards.</p> <p>This unit is applies to individuals who harvest wild game in the field.</p> <p>All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, in accordance with state/territory health and safety, animal welfare regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.</p> <p>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.</p>
Prerequisite Unit	Nil
Unit Sector	Wild Game (GAM)

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. 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 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 in accordance with workplace health and safety standards 1.5 Identify environmental and public safety risks associated with the harvest are identified 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 in accordance with 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 in accordance with 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 in accordance with statutory requirements 2.6 Select firearm and ammunition types to comply with those recommended for the target animal in accordance with regulatory requirements and animal ethics guidelines 2.7 Zero and test-fire firearm in accordance with industry practice 2.8 Stow firearm unloaded and in safety mode for transport

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3. Harvest animals	3.1 Use personal protective equipment (PPE) in accordance with workplace health and safety standards and statutory requirements 3.2 Carry firearm safely with muzzle pointing in safe direction at all times in accordance with statutory requirements and industry practice 3.3 Load, discharge and unload firearm safely in accordance with regulatory requirements 3.4 Inspect target animal pre-harvest for suitability 3.5 Aim firearm at vulnerable sites on the animal according to target species 3.6 Kill each target animal using a minimum of shots 3.7 Check each target animal to ensure it is dead prior to selecting the next target animal 3.8 Cleanly destroy target animals that have not been killed in a humane manner in accordance with animal welfare regulations and statutory requirements 3.9 Bleed carcasses in accordance with industry practice
4. Euthanise dependent young	4.1 Check if target animal has dependent young 4.2 Kill dependent young in a humane manner, in accordance with animal welfare regulations and statutory requirements 4.3 Check each dependent young to ensure it is dead prior to selecting the next target animal
5. Clean and store equipment and material	5.1 Maintain and store firearms in accordance with manufacturer instructions and statutory requirements 5.2 Store ammunition in accordance with statutory requirements 5.3 Complete records according to workplace requirements

Foundation Skills	
<i>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.</i>	
Skill	Description
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interpret regulatory and licensing requirements, codes of practice

Unit Mapping Information			
Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AMPGAM3X3 Use firearms to safely and humanely harvest wild game	AMPG306 Use firearms to harvest wild game	Unit code and title updated Performance Criteria clarified Foundation Skills added Performance Evidence, Knowledge Evidence and Assessment Conditions revised	Equivalent

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TITLE	Assessment requirements for AMPGAM3X3 Use firearms to safely and humanely harvest wild game
Performance Evidence	
<p>An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.</p> <p>There must be evidence that the individual has used firearms to safely, and humanely, harvested at least one wild game animal, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • handled weapons safely • assessed viability of shot • shot the animal in a body site appropriate to the target species that causes instant death and is 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	
<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • firearms safety • suitable firearms and ammunition for target species • emergency procedures for firearm handling. 	
Assessment Conditions	
<p>Assessment of skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • physical conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • skills must be demonstrated in the field harvesting wild game or in an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions • resources, equipment and materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • weapon and ammunition • wild game • personal protective equipment • specifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • safe work procedures • relevant codes of practice. <p>Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.</p>	
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