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 X.0 |
| Release 1 | This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 1.0 |

| AHCPER305 | Implement crop maintenance and harvesting programs for permaculture systems |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to implement crop maintenance and harvesting programs for permaculture systems, including thinning, spacing, selective harvesting, training, summer and winter pruning, hedging, skirting, topping and trimming.  This unit applies to individuals who take responsibility for their own work and for the quality of the work of others. They use discretion and judgement in the selection, allocation and use of available resources.  No licensing, legislative or certification requirements are known to apply to this unit at the time of publication. |
| Prerequisite Unit | Nil |
| Unit Sector | Permaculture (PER) |

| 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. Plan for maintenance and harvesting of permaculture crops | 1.1 Identify site requirements and crop maintenance program  1.2 Select materials, tools, equipment and machinery  1.3 Carry out pre-operational and safety checks on tools, equipment and machinery  1.4 Identify work health and safety hazards, assess risks, implement controls  1.5 Select, use and maintain safety and personal protective equipment |
| 2. Maintain permaculture crops | 2.1 Implement maintenance tasks according to crop maintenance program  2.2 Instruct and monitor work team on required maintenance operations  2.3 Ensure tasks are undertaken according to work health and safety requirements and environmental considerations  2.4 Monitor maintenance of crop and implement corrective action to maintain standards  2.5 Maintain a clean and safe work area throughout maintenance operations |
| 3. Harvest permaculture crops | 3.1 Implement harvesting tasks according to crop maintenance program  3.2 Instruct and monitor work team on required harvesting operations  3.3 Ensure compliance with work health and safety requirements and observe environmental considerations  3.4 Monitor harvesting of crop and implement corrective action to maintain standards  3.5 Maintain a clean and safe work area throughout harvesting operations |
| 4. Complete maintenance and harvesting activities | 4.1 Manage waste material according to maintenance and harvesting plan and workplace procedures  4.2 Clean, maintain and store tools, equipment and machinery  4.3 Record maintenance and harvesting operations outcomes |

| 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 |
| Oral communication | * Clearly explains detailed information on work requirements and standards to work team using appropriate language, tone and pace to ensure understanding |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| AHCPER305 Implement crop maintenance and harvesting programs for permaculture systems | AHCPER305 Implement crop maintenance and harvesting programs for permaculture systems | Minor changes to Application and Performance Criteria for clarity | Equivalent |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for AHCPER305 Implement crop maintenance and harvesting programs for permaculture systems |
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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 implemented at least one of each of the following:   * a permaculture crop maintenance program * a permaculture crop harvesting program   There must also be evidence that the individual has:   * interpreted site requirements, crop maintenance and crop harvesting, plans and schedules * instructed work team and implemented harvest and maintenance plans according to industry standards and workplace procedures. | |

| 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:   * permaculture principles and practices related to obtaining a yield * principles of maintaining crops and the methods used to maximise crop yields * maintenance techniques for a range of crops, including: * seasonal pruning, thinning and hedging techniques * training and trellising * maturity or ripeness properties of crops when ready for harvest and harvesting techniques, including: * selective harvesting * picking * effects of maintenance operations on plant growth, habit and production levels of maintenance operations * maintenance of soil health and impact on production * enterprise quality procedures and characteristics of a crop relative to varying market requirements. |

| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions: * skills must be demonstrated in a permaculture cropping system or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions * resources, equipment and materials: * use of tools and equipment * use of personal protective equipment * specifications: * use of workplace policies, procedures, processes * use of manufacturer operating instructions for equipment * use of permaculture crop maintenance and harvesting plans and specifications * access to specific permaculture codes of practice * relationships: * work team.   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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