Modification history

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

| AHCMDC302 | Undertake propagation of medicinal cannabis |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to undertake the propagation of medicinal cannabis according to the propagation plan. It requires the ability to prepare for propagation activities, apply common propagation techniques to create cannabis plants, monitor and control health and environmental climate conditions of the propagation material and carry out all recording and reporting requirements throughout the prorogation cycle according to regulatory and quality requirements.The unit applies to individuals who perform skilled propagation work on a licenced medicinal cannabis production site. They may work independently or as part of a team.No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.  |
| Prerequisite Unit | Nil  |
| Unit Sector | Medicinal Cannabis (MDC) |

| 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. Prepare for propagation of medicinal cannabis | 1.1 Confirm propagation plan, specifications and monitoring schedule with supervisor1.2 Identify health and safety hazards, assess risks and implement control measures1.3 Identify, select, and prepare required tools, equipment and materials, including personal protective equipment according to hygiene and sanitation and health and safety procedures1.4 Select and safely prepare media for propagation method being used and required quantity of plants1.5 Check propagation work area is clean and free of waste on entering secured area |
| 2. Prepare propagation material | 2.1 Identify, check and record type of, quantity and weight of propagation material to be used against specifications2.2 Prepare propagation material according to propagation plan and method used2.3 Handle propagation material in a way that minimises damage2.4 Label propagation material according to identification requirements2.5 Check water, nutrient and carbon dioxide requirements according to specifications and adjust manually or use control system to maintain to required levels2.6 Check temperature, lighting and humidity according to specifications and use control system to adjust and maintain to required levels2.7 Record required data and observations according to workplace quality procedures, including any deviations in recorded quantities and weights |
| 3. Monitor health of propagation material | 3.1 Calculate and record quantity and weight of propagation material to be monitored 3.2 Check propagation material health according to monitoring schedule and adjust water, nutrients and carbon dioxide levels as required3.3 Check for signs of disease or pests and if required, apply treatment according to workplace procedures3.4 Check climate control, including temperature, lighting and humidity levels according to specification and adjust as required3.5 Monitor propagation growing system for safety, hygiene and waste to be removed3.6 Record required data and observations according to workplace quality procedures, including any deviations in recorded quantities and weights |
| 4. Complete post propagation activities | 4.1 Check propagation system is clean before safely leaving secured area4.2 Check propagation material waste is weighed, recorded and placed in designated containers and material waste is safely disposed according to workplace and regulatory requirements4.3 Record and report on propagation activities, including any non-compliance or potential problems |

| Foundation SkillsThis 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 | * Interpret textual information from a range of sources to identify relevant information about propagation requirements, monitoring schedule, workplace procedures and regulatory requirements
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| Writing | * Use clear language and industry terminology to complete labels, workplace records and reports
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| Oral Communication | * Use clear language and industry terminology to report on propagation activities
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| Numeracy | * Interpret numerical data from sampling and growing system gauges and make adjustments to fertigation and climate controls
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| Unit Mapping Information |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| AHCMDC302 Undertake propagation of medicinal cannabis | Not applicable | New unit | No equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for AHCMDC302 Undertake propagation of medicinal cannabis |
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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 undertaken the propagation of medicinal cannabis to produce at least six plants for at least two propagation cycles, including:* identified risks and applied control measures
* selected, and prepared the required tools, equipment and materials for the propagation method and quality of required plants
* maintained safe, clean and sanitised work area
* applied at least two of following propagation methods:
* plant grown by seed
* cuttings of a plant
* tissue culture
* monitored and recorded counts and weight of propagation material and checked for deviations
* labelled propagation material with the required information and correct terminology
* monitored health of propagation material by visual inspection and sampling
* applied required treatments and/or remedies to maintain health of propagation material and/or treat any identified common health issues, disease or pests
* monitored, controlled and made required adjustments to water, nutrients, carbon dioxide needs and environmental climate conditions during the propagation cycle based on specifications and propagation material requirements
* complied with security and waste disposal requirements
* maintained accurate records and reports on propagation data and activities, including any non-compliance and deviations.
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| 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:* organisational medicinal cannabis propagation plan and monitoring schedule
* process for conducting health and safety risk assessment and control measures that may be used for propagation production processes
* medicinal cannabis during the propagation cycle including:
* plant morphology
* signs of common health issues, including nutrient deficiencies or excesses, environmental stress such as water, temperature and humidity stress, mould, and their remedies
* signs of common disease and pests and their control
* regulatory and workplace requirements related with the propagation of medicinal cannabis, including:
* hygiene and sanitation
* health and safety, including manual handling
* physical security of cannabis
* disposal and destruction of plant waste
* recording and reporting requirements
* identification and traceability
* biosecurity
* principles of Good Agricultural and Collection Practices (GACP) in relation to the propagation of medicinal cannabis, including:
* propagation techniques, including cuttings, grafting, seed sowing and tissue culture
* preparation of propagation media for method used
* use of pre-treatments
* water, and nutrient and carbon dioxide requirements
* climate requirements in controlled growing systems, including lighting, temperature and humidity
* monitoring plant health and climate conditions
* disease and pest control
* quality controls
* function, operation and maintenance of tools and equipment used during the propagation of medicinal cannabis, including operational checks
* function and operation of propagation growing systems, including their control systems.
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| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions: * physical conditions:
* skills must be demonstrated on a medicinal cannabis production site or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
* resources, equipment and materials:
* personal protective equipment
* cuttings, seeds or tissue culture for propagation
* tools, equipment and materials required for propagation method
* tools, equipment and materials for cleaning and sanitation
* sampling equipment
* propagation system, including environmental growing climate controls
* workplace recording and reporting system
* specifications:
* propagation plan and specifications
* monitoring schedule
* workplace procedures relating to the propagation of medicinal cannabis including security, health and safety, hygiene and sanitation, quality, recording and reporting requirements
* 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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