



## AHCPMG304

# Use firearms to humanely destroy animals

### DESCRIPTION

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to destroy animals humanely using firearms. Shooting is a quick and effective means of humanely destroying animals and in some situations is the only practical method available in the field. Shooting may be conducted on foot or with various vehicles. Techniques in shooting pest animals will depend on the type of animal that is being shot and whether the shooter is stationary or mobile. This unit is not applicable to using firearms from aircraft. This unit applies to individuals who work under broad direction and take responsibility for their own work. They use discretion and judgement in the selection and use of available resources. Firearms licensing conditions apply to this unit. Specific approval should be sought through the relevant State or Territory Firearms licensing agency. Appropriate firearms licences and training are also required for those involved in training and assessment against this unit. Destruction of pest animals must comply with state animal cruelty legislation. In addition to legal responsibilities, all units of competency dealing with animals in the AHC Training Package have the requirements for animals to be handled humanely to minimise stress and discomfort.

### OVERVIEW

This course is delivered in a face to face workshop format incorporating knowledge-based theory assessment and field practical assessment activities conducted over a one to two-day period depending on the knowledge skill and competency of participants.

### PREREQUISITE UNITS

Nil—However students should have a genuine occupational need and be a fit and proper person and licensed for the use of firearms for humane destruction of animals in an occupational role per State/Territory legislation.

### EDUCATION PATHWAY

AHC21020 - Certificate II in Conservation & Ecosystem Management

AHC31420 - Certificate III in Conservation & Ecosystem Management

AHC30318- Certificate III in Rural & Environmental Pest Management.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Primary producer | Research officer | National Parks & Wildlife Officers | Professional shooter/culler | Aerial Culling Operators | Conservation & Environment Officers | Farm Hands | Rural Operators / Property Owners.



### EASY ENROLMENT!

1. Contact one of our expert consultants to discuss your specific needs
2. Complete enrolment form & pay relevant course fees per candidate handbook
3. Discuss customized training options with your trainer/assessor
4. Complete training plan detailing delivery strategy
5. Commence Course

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### ASSESSMENT CONDITIONS



This unit is delivered in a workshop format with students completing underpinning knowledge assessment and application PRIOR to undertaking practical assessment in the field.

Assessment must involve the use of a firearm but can be undertaken using live animals, carcasses or simulated targets. Assessment must be conducted under field conditions. The assessment team must include assessors with firearms licenses. Assessment must comply with Animal Welfare Codes of Practice and Standard Operating Procedures.

**Timeframes:**  
Anticipated at 2 days depending on current experience and job requirement.

**Resources**  
Firearms Licenses with relevant codes  
Personal Protective Equipment  
Suitable location  
Targets, pest animals, simulation area  
Approvals and permits

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### EXPECTED FEES

Course Fees are payable per details outlined in the BTS Student handbook. Specific course pricing is subject to delivery location, travel, required resources for the delivery & assessment of competency against course requirements and your individual training needs.

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### COURSE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A summary of the prerequisite requirements for enrolment:

- Possess a Current Weapons (Firearms) License from your State/Territory
- Have a thorough understanding of animal control and wildlife welfare responsibilities
- Have a thorough understanding and demonstrated application of Safe responsible firearms ownership
- Have a current Driver's License
- No previous violations or orders that would preclude participation as an unfit person as specified in the relevant State/Territory Weapons Act and Regulations.
- Be familiar with and demonstrate field application of Risk Management and mitigation strategies



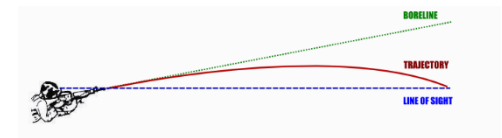
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