



## AHCPMG311

### Use firearms for pest control activities from aircraft

#### DESCRIPTION

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to conduct pest control activities from the air using firearms.

The unit applies to individuals who hold a valid firearms license and work under broad direction and take responsibility for their own work. They use discretion and judgement in the selection and use of available resources.

State or territory licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply in some jurisdictions.

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, current licensing and competency of participants.

#### PREREQUISITE UNITS

Nil—However students should have a genuine occupational need and be a fit and proper person with approvals and permits for use of firearms from an aircraft for wildlife management and vertebrate pest control per State/Territory and Federal legislation.

#### EDUCATION PATHWAYS

AHC31420 - Certificate III in Conservation & Ecosystem Management

AHC30318- Certificate III in Rural & Environmental Pest Management.

#### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Research officer | National Parks & Wildlife Officers | Professional shooter/culler | Aerial Culling Operators | Feral Animal Controllers



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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 of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions: (skills must be demonstrated in an aircraft suitable for pest animal control activities or an environment that accurately represents these conditions)
- resources, equipment and materials: (live pest animals appropriate firearms for pest animal management suitable PPE for the individual's task)
- specifications: (workplace and Civil Aviation Safety Authority documents such as policies, procedures, processes, forms and instructions / operating instructions for firearms licenses and permissions to discharge firearms from an aircraft o legislation, regulations and codes of practice for animal welfare and firearm use from aircraft)
- relationships: (pilot and supervisors)
- timeframes: (according to the specified flight plan)

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, CASA Approvals, Assessor Requirements, Personal Protective Equipment, Suitable location, Approvals, permits and pest contract delivery requirements, live pest animals, qualified pilot, suitable aircraft,

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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 Drivers License & 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 2 years field professional shooting experience as referenced from previous employment/contract testimonials
  - No previous violations or orders that would preclude participation as an unfit person as specified in the relevant State/Territory Weapons Act and Regulations.
  - Have a current ARN with CASA
  - Have an SOA in AHCPMG304 – Use firearms to humanely destroy animals
  - Be familiar with and demonstrate field application of Risk Management and mitigation strategies and have a thorough understanding of the aviation safety and security requirements relating to this area of work



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