

# AHC33924 Certificate III in Medical Cannabis Cultivation and Production

(was AHC33920)

Following strategic revisions of the AHC Training Package by unit sector, several qualifications and skill sets require updating to include the improved units.

Skills Insight is seeking comment from those who may be impacted by the replacement of the units so that disruptions can be minimised. These updates are not to change the intent of the qualifications, simply to include units already consulted on with stakeholders to better meet skills needs.

Below is an updated version of Certificate III in Medicinal Cannabis Cultivation and Production as well as a summary of the updates made to units within it.

This document provides a list of units of competency to be updated in this qualification and includes notes on changes between the current and updated units. Other units are not included as they don't need to be changed.

#### Acronyms:

E – Equivalent  
NE - Not Equivalent  
PC – Performance Criteria  
PE – Performance Evidence  
KE – Knowledge Evidence  
AC – Assessment Conditions  
AHC - Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package

#### Key:

Superseded units / recommended replacements  
New unit  
~~Proposed deletion~~ - deleted units/units proposed for deletion

**Modification History**

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 10.0.

<b>AHC33924</b>	<b>Certificate III in Medicinal Cannabis Cultivation and Production</b>
<p><b>Qualification Description</b></p> <p>This qualification reflects the roles of individuals who work as cultivation technicians in the medicinal cannabis industry. In this role, these individuals have responsibilities for undertaking a range of skilled work in controlled growing, licensed medicinal cannabis operations.</p> <p>No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this qualification at the time of publication.</p>	
<p><b>Entry Requirements</b></p> <p>There are no entry requirements for this qualification.</p>	

### Packaging Rules

To achieve this qualification, competency must be demonstrated in:

- 14 units of competency:
  - 6 core units plus
  - 8 elective units.

Elective units must ensure the integrity of the qualification’s Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) alignment and contribute to a valid, industry-supported vocational outcome. The electives are to be chosen as follows:

- at least 4 units must be selected from the elective units listed below
- the remaining 4 units may be selected from the elective units listed below or any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course.

### Core Units

AHCMDC301	Apply security regulatory requirements to work in the medicinal cannabis industry
AHCMDC302	Apply regulatory and quality requirements to the production of medicinal cannabis
AHCMDC303	Undertake propagation of medicinal cannabis
AHCMDC304	Undertake care and maintenance of medicinal cannabis
AHCMDC305	Undertake harvest and pre-processing of medicinal cannabis
AHCWHS302	Contribute to workplace health and safety processes

### Elective Units

An asterisk (\*) next to the unit code indicates that there are prerequisite requirements which must be met when packaging the qualification. Please refer to the Prerequisite requirements table for details.

AHCIRG337	Measure irrigation delivery system performance
AHCIRG347	Maintain pressurised irrigation systems
AHCMOM305	Operate specialised machinery and equipment
AHCNSY314	Operate fertigation equipment
AHCPMG302	Control plant pests, diseases and disorders
AHCSOL305	Prepare growing media
AHCWRK215	Collect and record production data
AHCWRK315	Respond to emergencies
AHCWRK320	Apply environmentally sustainable work practices
FBPBP3002	Operate the labelling process
FBPOPR2074	Carry out manual handling tasks

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FBPOPR2068	Operate a process control interface
<b>FBPPHM3020</b>	<b>Apply Good Manufacturing Practice requirements</b>
FBPPHM3003	Work in a controlled environment
FBPPHM3004	Clean and sanitise facilities and equipment
FBPPPL3003	Participate in improvement processes
FBPPPL3006	Report on workplace performance
HLTAID011	Provide first aid
MSL933005	Maintain the laboratory/field workplace fit for purpose
<b>MSL973025</b>	<b>Perform basic tests</b>
<b>MSL973027</b>	<b>Perform techniques that prevent cross-contamination</b>
<b>MSL974035 *</b>	<b>Prepare tissue or cell cultures</b>
TLIA0015	Organise receipt and despatch operations
<b>TLID0016</b>	<b>Operate a forklift</b>
TLIK2010	Use infotechnology devices in the workplace
TLIX0004X	Administer inventory systems
TLIX0013X	Maintain stock control and receipts

### Prerequisite Units

Unit of competency	Prerequisite requirement
<b>MSL974035 Prepare tissue or cell cultures</b>	<b>MSL973027 Perform techniques that prevent cross-contamination</b>

### Qualification Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHC33924 Certificate III in Medicinal Cannabis Cultivation and Production	AHC33920 Certificate III in Medicinal Cannabis Cultivation and Production	Updated 1 Core unit, 9 Elective units and a prerequisite	<b>To be confirmed</b>

### Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet:  
<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>

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Unit's location in impacted qualification	Current Unit	Replacement Unit	Equivalence	Notes on change
Core	AHCWHS301 Contribute to work health and safety processes	AHCWHS302 Contribute to workplace health and safety processes	NE	<p><u>Elements</u> Element 3 changed from “<i>Observe safe practices during work operations</i>” to “<i>Follow safe practices during work operations</i>”</p> <p><u>Performance Criteria</u> Consolidated so that specific hazards including noise and manual handling risks are covered under “<i>identifying and dealing with risks and hazards according to workplace procedures</i>”</p> <p><u>Foundation Skills</u> added (Reading, Writing and Oral Communication)</p> <p><u>Performance Evidence</u> Frequency added. Now states that there must be evidence “<i>the individual has contributed to workplace health and safety processes on at least one occasion</i>”</p> <p><u>Knowledge Evidence</u> Knowledge of hazard identification and risk management processes is now specified to include risk assessment, risks matrix and hierarchy of controls</p> <p><u>Assessment Conditions</u> - updated</p>
Elective	AHCWRK207 Collect and record production data	AHCWRK215 Collect and record production data	NE	<p><u>Elements</u> – unchanged</p> <p><u>Performance Criteria</u> Removed references to whether notices relating to site quarantine are in effect and, where required, follow site quarantine procedures. Now covered under identifying and reporting of workplace health and hazards and risks.</p> <p><u>Foundation Skills</u> added (Reading, Writing, Oral Communication and Numeracy)</p>

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				<p><u>Performance Evidence</u>                      Frequency added. Now states that the individual has “<i>collected and recorded production data on at least one occasion</i>”.</p> <p>Added</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• calibrated tools and equipment</li> <li>• identified workplace health and safety hazards and risks, and reported to supervisor</li> <li>• downloaded and entered data on a computer.</li> </ul> <p><u>Knowledge Evidence</u> – minor edits for clarity.</p> <p>Added</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tools and equipment calibration methods and purpose</li> </ul> <p><u>Assessment Conditions</u> - updated</p>
Elective	AHCWRK303 Respond to emergencies	AHCWRK315 Respond to emergencies	NE	<p><u>Elements</u> - unchanged</p> <p><u>Performance Criteria</u> - consolidated in Elements 2 and 5.</p> <p><u>Foundation Skills</u> added (Oral Communication)</p> <p><u>Performance Evidence</u>                      Frequency added. Now states that there must be evidence that the “<i>individual has responded to emergencies on at least two occasions</i>”                      References to render first aid care and applying basic first aid care have been removed</p> <p><u>Knowledge Evidence</u>                      Specific steps listed for responding to emergencies are now covered under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• workplace requirements and duty of care responsibilities applicable to health and safety in the workplace for responding to emergencies</li> </ul>

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				<u>Assessment Conditions</u> - updated
Elective	AHCWRK309 Apply environmentally sustainable work practices	AHCWRK320 Apply environmentally sustainable work practices	NE	<p><u>Elements</u> – unchanged</p> <p><u>Performance Criteria</u> - minor changes</p> <p><u>Foundation Skills</u> added (Reading, Writing and oral Communication)</p> <p><u>Performance Evidence</u> Frequency added. Now states that there must be evidence that evidence that the individual has “<i>applied environmentally sustainable work practices on at least one occasion</i>” Specifically listed strategies to improve resource usage, reduce waste, employ recycling, re-use or re-purposing are now covered by the point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• used appropriate techniques and tools to assist in achieving resource efficiencies and environmental targets</li> </ul> <p><u>Knowledge Evidence</u> Strategies for improved resource use are listed and also covered under principles of waste management, resources and environmental resources used in own industry sector.</p> <p><u>Assessment Conditions</u> - updated</p>
Elective	FBPPHM3001 Apply Good Manufacturing Practice requirements	FBPPHM3020 Apply Good Manufacturing Practice requirements	NE	<p><u>Elements</u> Removed Element 1. Identify GMP as a regulatory concept</p> <p><u>Foundation Skills</u> simplified</p> <p>Minor changes to <u>Performance Evidence</u>, <u>Knowledge Evidence</u> and <u>Assessment Conditions</u></p>

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Elective	TLID2010 Operate a forklift	TLID0016 Operate a forklift	NE	<p><u>Elements</u> New element added - Element 6 Perform shutdown</p> <p><u>Performance Criteria</u> Steps to support new shutdown element included</p> <p><u>Performance Evidence</u> - minor changes made for clarity</p> <p><u>Knowledge Evidence</u> - minor changes made for clarity</p>
Elective	MSL973013 Perform basic tests	MSL973025 Perform basic tests	E	<p>Minor changes to Performance Criteria. Duplicating items removed from Knowledge Evidence</p>
Elective	MSL973016 Perform aseptic techniques	MSL973027 Perform techniques that prevent cross-contamination	E	<p>Title changed to indicate broader scope. Two Performance Criteria removed from Element 2 to reflect increasing use of single-use items. Slight adjustment to Performance Evidence to include additional sample type. Addition to Knowledge Evidence in relation to handling specimens and processing samples for molecular analysis. Removal of some example detail from Assessment Conditions.</p>
Elective	MSL974025 Prepare tissue and cell cultures	MSL974035 Prepare tissue or cell cultures	E	<p>Minor change to Title and to Title of prerequisite unit. Minor changes to Elements, Performance Criteria and Assessment Requirements to clarify that unit focus is tissue or cell cultures. Other minor rewording in Knowledge Evidence.</p> <p>Prerequisite unit: <i>MSL973027 Perform techniques that prevent cross-contamination</i></p>

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Elective	FBPOPR1010 Carry out manual handling tasks	FBPOPR2074 Carry out manual handling tasks	E	Unit recoded to reflect complexity of work task Foundation Skills refined Performance Evidence clarified Minor changes to Knowledge Evidence and Assessment Conditions

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