

# AHCSS00183 Firearms Skill Set

(was AHCSS00113)

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 Firearms Skill Set 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 skill set 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Superseded units / recommended replacements  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	<p>This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 10.0.</p> <p>Supersedes and (equivalency to be confirmed) <i>AHCSS00113 Firearms Skill Set</i>. Skill Set requirements updated.</p>

<p><b>Description</b></p> <p>This skill set provides the knowledge and skills required for workers in land management and/or biosecurity who hold a valid firearms license and encounter pest animals, animals in distress or animals subject to a biosecurity order and who are required to use firearms to ethically and humanly euthanise them in the field.</p>
<p><b>Pathways Information</b></p> <p>These units of competency provide pathways into a range of Certificate II and Certificate III qualifications in the <i>AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package</i>.</p>
<p><b>Licensing/Regulatory Information</b></p> <p>State or territory licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to firearms use in all Australian jurisdictions and must be adhered to. Destruction of pest animals must comply with state or territory animal cruelty legislation.</p>
<p><b>Skill Set Requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AHCLSK331 Comply with industry animal welfare requirements</li> <li>• AHCPMG304 Use firearms to humanely destroy animals</li> <li>• <b>AHCWHS302 Contribute to workplace health and safety processes</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Target Group</b></p> <p>This skill set is for individuals who are licensed to use firearms and are employed in land management, biosecurity or pest management roles.</p>
<p><b>Suggested words for Statement of Attainment</b></p> <p>These competencies from the <i>AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package</i> meet industry requirements for ethically euthanising animals in the field using a firearm.</p>

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Current Unit	Replacement Unit	Equivalence	Notes on change
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>