
PEST CONTROL
Describe the application of the
Biosecurity Act 1993 for pest
management

level:	3
credit:	2
planned review date:	July 2006
sub-field:	Pest Management
purpose:	<p>This unit standard is for people involved with pest control in rural environments.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to describe: the purpose and principles of the Biosecurity Act 1993; duties and responsibilities for people involved with biosecurity; and enforcement and compliance powers of the Biosecurity Act 1993.</p>
entry information:	Open.
accreditation option:	Evaluation of documentation and visit by NZQA, industry and teaching professional in the same field from another provider.
moderation option:	A centrally established and directed moderation system has been set up by the Primary Industry Training Organisation.
special notes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to – Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, Biosecurity Act 1993, and their subsequent amendments.2 Definition <i>rural environments</i> – any land outside urban environments.

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Elements and Performance Criteria

element 1

Describe the purpose and principles of the Biosecurity Act 1993.

performance criteria

- 1.1 The need for biosecurity legislation is described.
- Range: includes but is not limited to – historical context; current – bovine tuberculosis, biodiversity, agricultural economy; future requirements.
- 1.2 The purpose and principles of the Biosecurity Act 1993 are described in terms of legislative requirements.
- 1.3 Those affected by the Biosecurity Act 1993 are identified in accordance with legislative requirements.
- Range: includes but is not limited to – land owners, land occupiers.

element 2

Describe the duties and responsibilities for people involved with biosecurity.

performance criteria

- 2.1 The powers and duties of animal pest management personnel in a compliance environment are described in accordance with the sections of the Biosecurity Act 1993.
- Range: includes but is not limited to the Biosecurity Act Sections – 106 (power to require assistance), 109 (power of inspection), 114 (general powers), 115 (use of dogs and devices), 121 (power to examine organisms), 121A (power to apply article or substance to place), 122 (power to give directions).

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- 2.2 The rights and responsibilities of the public are described in accordance with the Biosecurity Act 1993.

element 3

Describe the enforcement and compliance powers of the Biosecurity Act 1993.

performance criteria

- 3.1 The duties of animal pest management personnel while exercising the powers of the Biosecurity Act 1993 are described.

Range: entering land, removing articles from a property, issuing notices.

- 3.2 Offences, penalties, liability, and defences are described in terms of the Biosecurity Act 1993.

Range: fines, imprisonment, other penalties, defences, right of appeal.

Comments on this unit standard

Please contact the Primary Industry Training Organisation standards@primaryito.ac.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.

Please Note

Providers must be accredited by the Qualifications Authority or a delegated inter-institutional body before they can register credits from assessment against unit standards or deliver courses of study leading to that assessment.

Industry Training Organisations must be accredited by the Qualifications Authority before they can register credits from assessment against unit standards.

Accredited providers and Industry Training Organisations assessing against unit standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards.

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Accreditation requirements and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP). The AMAP also includes useful information about special requirements for providers wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.

This unit standard is covered by AMAP 0052 which can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.