

# Pest Management Technician competencies

All pesticide licences are issued with endorsements. Endorsements show what kinds of pesticides may be used and what kinds of pest control work may be undertaken.

Endorsements on a Full Pest Management Technician (FPMT) licence are determined by which courses have been successfully completed.

Endorsements on a Limited Pest Management Technician (LPMT) licence are restricted to the endorsements on the licence of their supervising FPMT.

It is an offence to do pest control work that your licence is not endorsed for.

## Pest control endorsements

- **Domestic and Commercial Pest Control**

The control of common domestic pests such as insects, spiders, wasps, rats, mice, ants and termites in and around private homes and commercial buildings. It may also include some minor use of herbicides in domestic or commercial situations.

- **Control of Weeds**

The control of weeds using herbicides in any setting (except viticultural settings) including fields, broad acre crops, pastures, native vegetation, along roadsides, in orchards, sports grounds, timber plantations and vegetable, flower and nut crops.

- **Control of Weeds and Plant Pests**

The control of weed, insect and fungal pests using herbicides, insecticides and fungicides in any setting (except viticultural settings) including fields, broad acre crops, pastures, native vegetation, along roadsides, in orchards, sports grounds, timber plantations and vegetable, flower and nut crops.

- **Fumigation Pest Control**

The control of a range of pests such as insects, weeds and fungus in soil, stacks, silos or ships using fumigant gases, mainly for quarantine purposes, the protection of grain and other food commodity stores, and soil treatment. Fumigation Pest Control does not cover the use of fumigants in Vertebrate Pest Control.

- **Vertebrate Pest Control**

The control of larger pest species such as wild rabbits and dogs, foxes, and feral cats and pigs.

- **Viticultural Pest Control**

The control of pests such as weeds, insects and fungus in grape vines or vineyards.



## Pest control endorsements – continued

- **Agricultural Pilots/Aerial Agricultural Pest Control**

The control of weed, insect and fungal pests in agricultural settings eg. broad acre crops, with the pesticide distributed from an aircraft.

- **Stump Treatment**

The treatment of plant/tree stumps to prevent regrowth using a limited range of chemicals.

## Training competency units required by endorsement sought:

### Limited Pest Management Technician Licence (with Direct Supervision)

Limited Pest Management Technician (LPMT) licences are issued to people who want to start working in the pest control industry but have not started or completed their training.

The holder of a LPMT licence is entitled to carry out pest control work but **only** under **Direct Supervision: the Limited Pest Management Technician must be within sight AND sound of their supervisor.**

Endorsement sought	Competency units required	Other requirements
Domestic and Commercial Pest Control	No requirements	Nil
Control of Weeds	No requirements	Nil
Control of Weeds and Plant Pests	No requirements	Nil
Viticultural Pest Control	No requirements	Nil
Vertebrate Pest Control	No requirements	Nil
Fumigation	No requirements	Nil
Aerial Agricultural Pest Control	No Limited Licence Provisions	Nil
Stump Treatment	No Limited Licence Provisions	Nil

Training competency units required by endorsement sought:

**Limited Pest Management Technician Licence  
(with Indirect Supervision)**

Indirect Supervision is optional – the LPMT must be within sight OR sound of their FPMT supervisor (ie. phone contact). The authority for a LPMT to work under Indirect Supervision can only be granted by Controlled Substance Licensing (CSL).

To be eligible, the LPMT must demonstrate the requirements listed below:

Endorsement sought	Competency units required	Other requirements
Domestic and Commercial Pest Control	CPPUPM3006 CPPUPM3018	Trainee Skill Declaration competed by supervisor and SA Health approval
Control of Weeds	AHCCHM307 AHCCHM304	Trainee Skill Declaration competed by supervisor and SA Health approval
Control of Weeds and Plant Pests	AHCCHM307 AHCCHM304	Trainee Skill Declaration competed by supervisor and SA Health approval
Viticulture	AHCCHM307 AHCCHM304	Trainee Skill Declaration competed by supervisor and SA Health approval
Vertebrates	AHCCHM307 AHCCHM304	Trainee Skill Declaration competed by supervisor and SA Health approval
Fumigation	Not available with indirect supervision	Nil
Aerial Agricultural Pest Control	No Limited Licence Provisions	Nil
Stump Treatment	No Limited Licence Provisions	Nil

**Full Pest Management Technician Licence**

The holder of a FPMT licence can undertake pest control work for “fee or reward” without supervision. To be eligible you must have successfully completed the training relevant to the type of pest control work you will be doing, as listed in the following table (overleaf):

## Training competency units required by endorsement sought:

## Full Pest Management Technician Licence – continued

Endorsement sought	Competency units required	Other requirements
Domestic and Commercial Pest Control – excluding timber pests	CPPUPM3006 CPPUPM3018 CPPUPM3005	+ On Job assessment
Domestic and Commercial Pest Control – including timber pests	CPPUPM3006 CPPUPM3018 CPPUPM3005 CPPUPM3008 CPPUPM3010	+ On Job assessment
Fumigation	AHCCHM307 AHCCHM304 CPPUPM3011	+ On Job assessment
Control of Weeds	AHCCHM307 AHCCHM304 AHCPMG301	Nil
Control of Weeds and Plant Pests	AHCCHM307 AHCCHM304 AHCPMG301 AHCPMG302	Nil
Viticulture	AHCCHM307 AHCCHM304 FBPVIT3009	Nil
Vertebrates	AHCCHM307 AHCCHM304 AHCFAU202 AHCPMG305 AHCPMG306 Or ANIML SC 3019RW	Nil

Training competency units required by endorsement sought:

Full Pest Management Technician Licence – continued

Endorsement sought	Competency units required	Other requirements
Agricultural Pilots	<p><b>Manned –</b> Operation Spray Safe Accreditation: conducted by Aerial Agriculture Association of Australia (AAAA)</p> <p><b>Unmanned –</b> Operation Spray Safe Accreditation: conducted by Aerial Agriculture Association of Australia (AAAA) or AHCCHM307 AHCCHM304 And one or both of the following: AHCPMG301 AHCPMG302</p>	Nil
Stump Treatment	AHCCHM307 AHCCHM304	Nil

Further details on the competency units may be found at <https://training.gov.au/>

For more information

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