

Specification of Competency Standards
for the Arboriculture & Horticulture Industry
Unit of Competency

Functional Area - Plant Selection, Cultivation and Propagation

Title	Purchase plants
Code	109073L2
Range	This unit of competency is applicable to administrative personnel who are engaged in plant procurement in the arboriculture and horticulture industry. Practitioners should be capable of grasping the information on the plant supply market and mastering the procurement processes, so as to purchase suitable and healthy nursery stock for the organisation.
Level	2
Credit	2 (For Reference Only)
Competency	<p>Performance Requirements</p> <p>1. Possess knowledge related to purchasing plants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehend the workflow for purchasing plants • Comprehend the assessment criteria when purchasing plants, such as size, health, structure, shape and appearance of plants • Know how to check the quality of plants • Comprehend the recommended standards for the size of nursery stock by the government and the industry, including seedling tree, whip, light standard tree, standard tree, heavy standard tree and mature tree <p>2. Purchase plants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify nursery that provide the required plants and select suitable suppliers based on price and product quality • Visit the nursery on-site and inspect the quality of plants to ensure that it complies with the contract requirements • Inspect and accept the plants using relevant tools in accordance with the procurement standards to ensure that the plants are in a healthy state • Record the information of the purchased plants and store the relevant records in the database of the organisation • Plan appropriate transportation methods with respect to the size, number and type of plants <p>3. Exhibit professionalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optimise the acceptance inspection process of the organisation with reference to the acceptance inspection criteria of the industry for plant purchase
Assessment Criteria	<p>The integrated outcome requirements of this unit of competency are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to select suitable nursery stock suppliers based on price and product quality to procure nursery stock that meet the quality standards; and • Able to inspect the quality of plants carefully in accordance with the procurement standards to ensure that the plants are in a healthy state.
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