

Overview

This standard deals with the competence required by individuals who are involved in planning and organising the provision of game shooting activities. It has been developed so that it can be applied to any organised game shooting activities on any area of land used for game shooting. This standard is aimed at those who work in game conservation on either a full- or part-time basis, and can be applied to any sporting estate.

To meet this standard you will be able to:

1. contribute to the planning of shooting programmes
2. contribute to the planning of shoots
3. organise individual shoot days
4. manage individual shoot days

This standard relates to the following applications or context:

Developing and agreeing a shooting programme covering:
planned number of days
required quarry numbers
intended shoot area

Organising the resources required in terms of:
available game
people
transport
equipment
finance

Informing the following people of shooting activity:
participants in shooting activity
adjacent land owners
shoot or estate manager
other land users

Developing contingencies to deal with the following factors
different environmental conditions
unexpected game behaviours
human influences

Allocating the following resources:
people transport
equipment

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finance

Organising at least two of the following roles:

beating

stopping

picking-up

dealing with dead game

sewelling

flagging

ghillieing

loading

Dealing with at least two of the following factors:

variations in environmental conditions

unexpected game behaviour

resource shortages

human influences

Maintaining records in respect of:

quarry shot

shots taken

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

Organise game shooting programmes

- P1 obtain shooting programme specification
- P2 organise **resources** to effectively support planned shooting programme
- P3 develop and agree the implementation of the **shooting programme** with shoot management
- P4 ensure that planned shooting activities comply with legal requirements
- P5 inform **people** of the intended shooting activities in sufficient time, prior to the event
- P6 establish arrangements to handle and dispose of dead game
- P7 develop contingencies to effectively deal with **factors** which may affect the shooting programme
- P8 maintain accurate records of shoot planning and organisation

You must be able to:

Implement game shooting programmes

- P9 allocate **resources** to effectively maintain planned sporting outcomes
- P10 organise shoot day activities to make best use of natural topography and habitat in presenting game to participants
- P11 communicate effectively shoot safety requirements to all those involved with shoot day
- P12 ensure gun satisfaction through the maintenance of good communications and identifying and responding to their needs
- P13 organise people's **roles** so that the planned outcome of the shooting activity can be achieved in a manner which maintains the safety of all participants
- P14 deal with **factors** which affect shooting activity to minimise their effect on the shooting programme
- P15 ensure that game carcasses are handled and stored to maintain their quality and value according to legal requirements
- P16 ensure that shooting activities are concluded so that the sporting estate is returned to a pre-shoot condition
- P17 maintain accurate **records** in respect to the shooting activities

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

Organise game shooting programmes

- K1 the legal requirements (national and local bylaws) pertaining to game shooting activities
- K2 the importance of keeping all people informed
- K3 the legal requirements controlling the disposal of the dead game and the reasons for compliance
- K4 the reasons for keeping records and the importance of their accuracy
- K5 the shooting estate characteristics including details of how else the estate is used by others
- K6 the game population availability on the estate
- K7 the resource requirements associated with the planning shooting activities

You need to know and understand:

Implement game shooting programmes

- K8 the legal requirements (national and local bylaws) pertaining to game shooting activities
- K9 firearm legislation as it affects the shoot day
- K10 the importance of effectively communicating shoot safety requirements
- K11 how to manage activities to optimise sporting potential
- K12 the legal requirements controlling the preparation and storage/holding of game and how changes in the preparation and storage environment can affect the product
- K13 the legal requirements controlling the disposal of the dead game and the reasons for compliance
- K14 the reasons for keeping records and the importance of their accuracy
- K15 how estate topography and habitat characteristics are used to optimise sporting potential
- K16 the behaviour characteristics of different game species and how these are utilised to provide sporting opportunities to guns
- K17 the sporting requirements of participants in game shooting activities
- K18 the value of good communication skills to shoot safety and organisation

Glossary

For you to fully understand the content of the standard, and the activities it describes, it is important that you are able to understand the terms used within the standard.

The definitions below should help you with this.

Game

Legal game quarry species including deer

Shooting activities

Any legal field sport involving the hunting of game with a firearm

Sporting estate

Any area of land used for the provision of game shooting activities

Gun

Participant in shooting activity

Shooting programme

Planned shoot activities covering shooting season

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