

# Information sheet

## TAFE course—macropod harvesting licence (macropods)

### Why the Technical and Further Education (TAFE) course is required

The TAFE course is required to help commercial macropod harvesters understand their legal requirements when operating under a commercial wildlife harvesting licence (commonly called a kangaroo shooter's licence). TAFE instructors will explain the legislation in plain English and the requirements of the National Code of Practice for the Humane Shooting of Kangaroos and Wallabies for Commercial Purposes. They will also explain how to correctly complete harvester record returns and help harvesters that are having difficulties understanding the requirements.

### What the TAFE course involves

The TAFE course is available as a self-paced distance-learning course or sometimes referred to as a correspondence course). The TAFE course includes information on:

- the role of the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation (DESI) in the management of commercially harvested kangaroos and the commercial industry. This section also gives harvesters an understanding of how DESI monitors kangaroo populations and how the annual harvest quota is determined
- the legal obligations of harvesters when operating under a macropod harvesting licence. This section covers Queensland legislation. At the end of this section harvesters will have a clear idea of what they can and cannot do as a licensed macropod harvester
- how to correctly tag kangaroo skins and carcasses, including sequential tagging and recording tag numbers
- how to correctly complete harvest returns.

There will be a short open-book, multiple-choice assessment as well as a short assessment on completing returns. This assessment will be required to be sent back to TAFE Queensland. Following the return of this assessment, a TAFE teacher will be in contact with you requesting you to undertake a verbal assessment over the phone. This will be conducted at a mutually agreeable time for both parties.

### Who must complete the TAFE course?

All persons intending to hold a macropod harvesters licence. Applicants for a macropod harvester's licence must pass the TAFE course before a licence can be granted.

### Where the TAFE course is conducted

The TAFE course is available throughout the year as a correspondence course meaning you are able to enrol and complete the course at any time throughout the year.

### How harvesters can enrol into the course

Harvesters need to contact TAFE on 1300 308 233 and enrolments can be processed immediately over the phone.

### Assistance for harvesters with reading or writing difficulties

As the course will be undertaken away from TAFE campuses, if you have any difficulties with reading and writing you are encouraged to seek assistance from family or friends to assist you complete the course requirements. As mentioned above, there will be a verbal assessment to finalise the course and it will be this assessment which must be completed without any assistance.

### **The benefits of successfully completing the TAFE course**

Harvesters who complete the course will be able to demonstrate that:

- they have a good understanding of their requirements under the legislation
- they understand the requirements of submitting harvest returns
- they have an understanding of how the Macropod Management Program works
- they can operate professionally and responsibly.

### **The cost of the TAFE course**

Harvesters should contact TAFE Queensland for current prices of the DESI TAFE course. The cost includes manuals, etc. given to harvesters. DESI does not receive any of the course fees.

### **Difference between DESI TAFE course and the Safe Food Production Queensland TAFE course**

There are two different TAFE courses that have been developed for kangaroo harvesters. The macropod harvesting course is required by DESI. All macropod harvesters must successfully complete this course. There is another course organised by Safe Food Production Queensland (formerly the Queensland Livestock and Meat Authority). That course is intended for harvesters that take kangaroos, wild boar or goats for their meat.

### **More information on the Safe Food Production Queensland TAFE course**

For more information on the Safe Food Production Queensland TAFE course, contact Safe Food Production Queensland on (07) 3253 9800 or 1800 300 815. Information is also available from TAFE Queensland on 1300 308 233.

### **More information on the DESI TAFE course**

For general information on the DESI TAFE course, contact TAFE Queensland on 1300 308 233.