

## EMPLOYER VERIFICATION OF PRACTICAL COMPETENCY

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| Name of Trainee                      |  |
| Equipment used                       |  |
| Trade names of agrichemicals applied |  |

| Competency   | Criteria  | Employer/supervisor comments |
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| You can select appropriate PPE and use it correctly.                             | Minimum PPE requirements are specified on the label.  |                              |
| You can check and prepare agrichemical application equipment for use.            | Equipment is checked for cleanliness, leaks and blockages. Suitable nozzle type is used for target and/or conditions.                       |                              |
| You can accurately measure and mix agrichemicals.                                | Mixing rate is specified on label. Measuring equipment and any empty containers are triple rinsed. PPE is worn during mixing.               |                              |
| You can apply agrichemicals at the required rate.                                | Agrichemicals are applied in accordance with the label.   |                              |
| You can apply agrichemicals to the target pest, avoiding off target spray drift. | You can control your application equipment. Application techniques vary with weather conditions such as wind direction.                     |                              |
| You can dispose of surplus mix safely.   | Surplus mix is sprayed onto waste ground ensuring no runoff, or applied to target pest without exceeding MRLs. PPE is worn during disposal. |                              |
| You can clean and store PPE.   | PPE is washed, dried and stored correctly.  |                              |
| You can clean and store application equipment.                                   | Application equipment is triple rinsed and rinse water sprayed onto waste ground or target pest.  |                              |

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| You can complete a spray diary accurately.  | Details include date, name of applicator, place, weather conditions, product used and dilution rate. |  |
| Any additional comments<br><i>eg degree of supervision;<br/>number of spraying events observed; overall experience.</i> |  |  |

I confirm that the candidate has demonstrated competency in the tasks listed. I understand I may be contacted to verify authenticity of this statement.

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| Employer name        |  |
| Employer signature   |  |
| Date                 |  |
| Contact phone number |  |

### Notes to Employer

The trainee must be observed undertaking the tasks and the comment boxes must be completed. **There must be evidence that the candidate has applied agrichemicals.** Compliance with NZS8409:2004 Management of Agrichemicals is the required standard for all tasks. The GROWSAFE workbook summarises this standard.

In determining competency, consider whether another employer would make the same decision with the same evidence.

Trainees are expected to be carrying out tasks under supervision. They should have some basic operational knowledge, and be able to carry out tasks that are established and familiar. They are not expected to be able to work on their own, or solve complex or unfamiliar problems.