

Develop a game bird production programme

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**Overview**

This standard outlines the competencies required by individuals who are responsible for developing a game bird production programme.

This standard is aimed at those who work in game farming and who are responsible for developing a game bird production programme and establishing procedures to implement and monitor the programme.

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### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

1. analyse relevant information and data to determine the opportunities available to support the development of a game bird production programme
2. seek specialist advice when required
3. establish priorities for game bird production according to production requirements
4. develop a game bird production programme with measurable aims and objectives
5. determine the resource requirements necessary to support the successful implementation of the game bird production programme
6. establish measures to maintain suitable levels of animal welfare, hygiene and bio-security and confirm that they are implemented
7. establish working methods that maintain health and safety and are consistent with relevant legislation, codes of practice and organisational requirements
8. develop actions to manage constraints and emergencies that may affect the implementation of the game bird production programme
9. establish the procedures necessary to implement and monitor the game bird production programme
10. confirm that the planned game bird production programme complies with relevant legislation, codes of practice, sector guidance and organisational requirements
11. consider the opinions of others, including those involved with or affected by the game bird production programme, as part of the overall programme development
12. communicate the requirements of the game bird production programme to all those involved in its implementation

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

1. data analysis techniques and the role of data in target setting when developing a game bird production programme
2. the process of establishing measurable aims and objectives, covering the short- (1 – 2 months), medium- (12 months) and long-term (5 years)
3. resource planning and utilisation including people, power supplies, equipment, finance
4. the influence of the physical environment and its characteristics on game bird production
5. the principles of game bird production
6. common game bird diseases, including how to recognise and treat them
7. the known constraints that influence game bird production
8. the relevant legal requirements that control animal health and welfare, disease control, pest control, waste disposal and human health
9. the role of relevant legislation, national policies, codes of practice, sector guidance and organisational requirements in game bird production
10. where to obtain specialist advice
11. the characteristics, husbandry, welfare and dietary requirements of farmed game birds
12. the principles of bio-security and disease prevention for farmed game birds
13. the importance of assessing risks for a game bird farming unit
14. emergency planning relevant to game bird production
15. the importance of managing the land available to maximise the sustainability of its production capacity

## Glossary

### **Constraints that influence game bird production**

e.g. business objectives, political pressures, disease, power failure, relevant legislation, resources shortages

### **Game birds**

pheasant, partridge, duck

### **Pest control**

Pesticides

Rodenticides

Traps and snares

Shooting

### **Sector guidance could include:**

The Code of Good Shooting Practice

Deer Initiative Best Practice Guides

Scottish Natural Heritage Best Practice Guides

### **Wildlife management area**

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

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