

## Manage infrastructure for a wildlife management area

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### Overview

This standard outlines the competencies required by individuals who are responsible for managing the infrastructure essential to the smooth running of a wildlife management area. It has been developed so that it can be applied to a variety of situations.

This standard is aimed at those who work in game and wildlife conservation and who are responsible for managing the equipment, tools and vehicles, structures and surfaces for a wildlife management area.

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### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

1. plan maintenance programmes for the wildlife management area infrastructure, in accordance with your organisation's objectives
2. manage the effective use of resources in maintaining the wildlife management area infrastructure
3. organise specialist services to support maintenance programmes according to organisational requirements
4. communicate the requirements of the maintenance programmes to those involved in its implementation
5. manage infrastructure maintenance programmes to ensure they are effectively completed, using planned systems of work
6. confirm that working methods maintain health and safety and are consistent with relevant legislation, codes of practice and organisational requirements
7. communicate work requirements to people and teams involved in their implementation in a way that promotes understanding
8. monitor the quality of work to confirm that required standards have been achieved
9. manage any deviations from planned work activities in ways that are prompt and consistent with organisational and relevant legal requirements

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

1. the value of effective infrastructure maintenance programmes
2. how to introduce efficiencies and improvements in sustainability, where appropriate
3. the resource requirements associated with infrastructure maintenance programmes for a wildlife management area, for example people, equipment, materials, finance
4. the importance of managing and monitoring resource usage and dealing with resource shortages
5. the maintenance requirements for vehicles and equipment, firearms, game handling facilities, site structures, surfaces and access points relevant to the wildlife management area
6. how climate, geographical factors (soils, topography), land designations impact on activities
7. how to evaluate the quality of work carried out against the infrastructure maintenance programme
8. the importance of managing variations in expected work outcomes
9. why deviations from planned work activities can impact on the infrastructure maintenance programme
10. when specialist services should be used to support infrastructure maintenance programmes
11. the effective methods of communicating with internal and external stakeholders
12. the role of relevant legislation, national policies, codes of practice, sector guidance and organisational requirements that support the management of infrastructure for a wildlife management area

## Glossary

### Designations could include:

- National Park
- Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
- Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)
- Special Protection Areas (SPAs),
- Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)
- World Heritage Site (WHS)
- Archaeological site
- National Trust
- Nitrogen Vulnerable Zone (NVZ)
- Drinking Water Safeguard Zones
- Scheduled Monuments (SMs)
- Listed Buildings (LBs)
- Registered Parks and Gardens (RPGs)
- Registered Battlefields (RBs)
- Sites identified on the Historic Environment Record (HER).

### 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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