



# BIOSECURITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING AUSTRALIA

## What is BERTA?

Biosecurity Emergency Response Training Australia (BERTA) is a cooperative effort between state, territory and Australian Government biosecurity agencies to develop a national suite of accredited training and assessment materials for biosecurity emergency responders.

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### Qualifications

**PUA30919 - Certificate III in Public Safety**  
(Biosecurity Response Operations)

**PUA40419 - Certificate IV in Public Safety**  
(Biosecurity Response Leadership)

**PUA50219 - Diploma of Public Safety**  
(Biosecurity Response Management)

8 Skill sets

Biosecurity Emergency Responder

Biosecurity Emergency Movement Control

Biosecurity Emergency Field Surveillance

Biosecurity Emergency Infected Premises Operations

Biosecurity Emergency Response Leader

Biosecurity Emergency Infected Premises Supervision

Biosecurity Emergency Response Manager

Biosecurity Response Public Information Management



34

Online modules



17

Face-to-face  
workshops



Delivered nationally

## More information

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Website: [www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au/training/  
emergencyanimal-disease-training/](http://www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au/training/emergencyanimal-disease-training/)

# Biosecurity Response Operations









The PUA30919 Certificate III in Public Safety (Biosecurity Response Operations) qualification provides individuals with the skills and knowledge to work effectively in a biosecurity emergency response by completing five core and five elective units of competency. Individuals working at this level will be able to apply their knowledge and skills, demonstrate autonomy and judgement, and follow instructions within a biosecurity emergency response team. This qualification provides an introduction to the processes and procedures behind control centres and field operations and prepares participants to undertake diverse biosecurity response roles. Some of these skills are also applicable to daily roles within government biosecurity agencies.

Modules
5 Core
5 Electives







Participants can commence training with the **Biosecurity Emergency Responder Skill Set** which comprises the core units from the Certificate III qualification and can provide the minimum requirement for working in a response.

Module	Delivery	Units	Skill set
 PREPBER		AHCBER301 Work effectively in an emergency disease or plant pest response	Biosecurity Emergency Responder
 COMBER 1-4		PUACOM001 Communicate in the workplace	
 TEAMBER		PUATEA001 Work in a team	
 WHSBER		PUAWHS001 Follow defined work health and safety policies and procedures	
 WORKBER		PUACOM003 Manage information	

Candidates can then complete additional role specific skill sets as follows which also contribute towards the Certificate III qualification:

Module	Delivery	Units	Skill sets
 MOVBER		AHCBER304 Carry out movement and security procedures	Biosecurity Emergency movement control
 SURVBER		AHCBER402 Carry out field surveillance for a specific emergency disease or plant pest AHC BIO302 Identify and report unusual disease or plant pest signs	Biosecurity Emergency field surveillance
 QUARBER		AHC BIO202 Follow site quarantine procedures AHCBER303 Carry out emergency disease or plant pest control procedures at infected premises	Biosecurity Emergency Infected Premises Operations
 MACHBER		Machinery hygiene	

Participants wishing to attain the full Certificate III qualification can complete the following electives:

Module	Delivery	Units
 BRIEFBER		PUAOPE015 Conduct briefings and debriefings
 RISKBER		PSPGEN038 Identify and treat risks
 LEADBER		PUAOPE020 Lead a crew

10 units are required for the full qualification.

# Biosecurity Response Leadership

The PUA40419 Certificate IV in Public Safety (Biosecurity Response Leadership) provides individuals with the skills and knowledge to effectively lead a team in a biosecurity emergency response, through the completion of five core and six elective units of competency. Individuals working at this level will be able to apply their knowledge and skills, demonstrate autonomy and judgement, and provide instructions within a biosecurity emergency response team.











## Modules

5 Core



6 Electives

This qualification builds on practical understanding of working in a biosecurity emergency response and prepares course participants to take leadership roles in the field or in control centres. Some of these skills are applicable to roles within government biosecurity agencies. This qualification is available to individuals who have worked in, or are likely to work in a leadership role in a biosecurity emergency response. The elective units focus on functional leadership roles, with many units having a managing, planning and supervisory emphasis.







Participants can commence leadership training with the **Biosecurity Emergency Response Leader Skill Set** which comprises four of the five core units from the Certificate IV qualification.

Module	Delivery	Units	Skill set
 RISKBER		PSPGEN038 Identify and treat risks	} Biosecurity Emergency Response Leader
 LEADBER		PUAOPE020 Lead a crew	
 BRIEFBER		PUAOPE015 Conduct briefings and debriefings	
 WHSBER		BSBWHS401 Implement and monitor WHS policies, procedures & programs	
 BELBER		PUAMAN002 Administer allocation of resources	

Participants can then complete an additional role-specific skill set which contributes towards the Certificate IV qualification:

Module	Delivery	Units	Skill set
 SITEBER		AHCBER401 Plan and supervise activities on infected premises AHCBER501 Manage active operational emergency disease or plant pest sites	Biosecurity Infected Premises Supervision

Participants wishing to attain the full Certificate IV qualification can complete the following elective modules, PLUS one additional relevant unit from a Training Package:

Module	Delivery	Units
 LOGBER		PUAOPE022 Manage logistics for a complex incident
 OP2BER		PUAOPE023 Manage operations for a Level 2 incident
 PLANBER		PUAOPE025 Manage planning for a complex incident

11 units are required for the full qualification.



# Biosecurity Response Management

The PUA50219 Diploma in Public Safety (Biosecurity Response Management) provides individuals with the skills and knowledge to effectively manage a biosecurity emergency response, through the completion of five core and six elective units of competency. Individuals working at this level will demonstrate a high level of autonomy and judgement, and manage multiple teams within a biosecurity emergency response. Participants working at this level are expected to manage one of the five functional areas within a response. This qualification builds on skills for those with practical experience working as a supervisor or leader in a biosecurity emergency response. It prepares them to undertake an incident management role within a control or coordination centre. Some of these skills are applicable to daily roles within government biosecurity agencies.

This qualification is open to anyone who has worked as, or is likely to work as, a manager in an Incident Management Team in a biosecurity emergency response. The units of competency in this qualification address managing aspects of a biosecurity response, including managing multiple teams and working with other organisations and agencies.

Participants can commence with the **Biosecurity Emergency Response Manager Skill Set** which comprises four of the five core units from the Diploma qualification.
















Modules
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6 Electives

Module	Delivery Units	Skill set
● IMBER 1-4	 AHCBER502 Manage the implementation of an emergency disease or plant pest control program	} Biosecurity Emergency Response Manager
● IMBER 5	 PUACOM007 Liaise with other organisations PUAOPE018 Control a Level 2 incident PUATEA003 Lead, manage and develop teams	

Participants can then complete a role-specific skill set which contributes towards the Diploma qualification:

Module	Delivery Units	Skill set
● PIBER	  PSPGEN083 Manage public affairs PUACOM004 Manage organisational communication strategy	Biosecurity Response Public Information Management

Participants wishing to attain the full Diploma qualification can complete additional modules from the following list:

Module	Delivery Units
● PHYSBER	  PUAMAN008 Manage physical resources
● BRIEFBER	  PUAOPE015 Conduct briefings and debriefings
● POBER	  AHCBER601 Plan and oversee an emergency disease or plant pest program
● SAFEBER	  BSBWHS521 Ensure a safe workplace for a work area
● OP3BER	  PUAOPE024 Manage operations for a Level 3 incident
● PLANBER	  PUAOPE025 Manage planning for a complex incident
● COORDBER	  PUAOPE017 Coordinate resources for a multi-agency incident
● FINBER	 PUAMAN007 Manage financial resources

11 units are required for the full qualification.