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## Overview

This standard deals with the competence required by individuals who are involved in rearing game in support of game shooting activities. It can be applied to any gamebird which is reared under controlled conditions. This standard is aimed at those who work in game conservation on either a full- or part-time basis.

To meet this standard you will be able to:

1. plan the rearing of game under controlled conditions
2. maintain the production of reared gamebirds.

This standard relates to the following applications or context:

Developing a programme covering the following production activities:  
transport and receipt of gamebird chicks  
maintenance of brooder units  
health care  
care of juvenile gamebirds  
disposal of dead chicks

Developing procedures to deal with the following factors:  
variations in environmental conditions  
resources shortfalls  
pest and predator actions  
disease  
equipment failure

Organising organisational resources to include  
people  
materials  
feed and water  
equipment  
power  
time

Taking action to deal with factor such as:  
environmental change  
equipment failure  
resource shortages  
pest and predator actions  
disease

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Effectively applying the following resources:

people

materials

feed and water

equipment

power

time

Maintaining the following rearing activities:

feeding

watering

maintaining environmental conditions

disposal of waste

disposal of dead chicks

### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

#### **Plan and organise production of reared gamebirds**

- P1 plan game rearing so that targets can be achieved
- P2 plan production to comply with legal requirements
- P3 develop a programme to achieve required production activities in compliance with organisational resource availability
- P4 develop feeding and care regimes for gamebirds to maintain their nutritional and welfare requirements
- P5 make arrangements to support the effective implementation of the rearing programme
- P6 establish procedures to be followed to minimise the effect of factors which can disrupt rearing
- P7 establish a recording system to support production programme

*You must be able to:*

#### **Maintain the production of reared gamebirds**

- P8 organise game rearing under conditions that maintain the welfare and development of gamebird chicks
- P9 organise game rearing to comply with legal requirements
- P10 maintain rearing activities within known resource constraints
- P11 recognise ill health in gamebirds through the accurate interpretation of signs of abnormality
- P12 ensure welfare and survival of gamebirds by maintain reared gamebirds under specified holding conditions
- P13 administer prophylactic and disease treatments according to veterinary instructions and legal requirements
- P14 maintain communication with those caring for game to facilitate effective production
- P15 modify rearing activities to take account of **factors** which disrupt production
- P16 maintain accurate records in respect of the production of gamebirds

### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

#### **Plan and organise production of reared gamebirds**

- K1 the legal requirements and relevant codes of practice pertaining to production, transport and welfare of reared gamebirds
- K2 the welfare requirements of the gamebirds being produced
- K3 the importance of hygiene and cleaning to game rearing
- K4 the nutritional requirements of all stages of gamebird development
- K5 common gamebird diseases and possible causes of infection
- K6 expected rearing losses including 'starve outs'
- K7 the specialist handling requirements of game chicks and juvenile stock
- K8 how changes in the weather can impact on chick development
- K9 how to protect game chicks from pests and predators
- K10 the record keeping requirements associated with the rearing of game chicks

*You need to know and understand:*

#### **Maintain the production of reared gamebirds**

- K11 the legal requirements and relevant codes of practice pertaining to production, transport and welfare of reared gamebirds
- K12 legal requirements with veterinary medicine and notifiable diseases
- K13 legal requirements controlling the disposal of dead chicks
- K14 the environmental requirements of gamebirds during the rearing process
- K15 the nutritional requirements of all stages of the gamebird development
- K16 common gamebird diseases and their associated symptoms and treatments
- K17 specialist handling requirements of game chicks and juvenile stock
- K18 the advantages and disadvantages of the different systems used to supply water
- K19 the reasons for keeping records and the importance of their accuracy

### Glossary

For you to fully understand the content of the standard, and the activities it describes, it is important that you are able to understand the terms used within the standard.

The definitions below should help you with this.

#### **Production**

The development of game from day-old chicks until ready for release

#### **Game**

Pheasant, partridges, duck

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