



# 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.

### 3 Qualifications

- PUA30919 - Certificate III in Public Safety**  
(Biosecurity Emergency Response Operations)
- PUA40419 - Certificate IV in Public Safety**  
(Biosecurity Emergency Response Leadership)
- PUA50219 - Diploma of Public Safety**  
(Biosecurity Emergency Response Management)

### 8 Skill sets

- Biosecurity Emergency Responder
- Biosecurity Movement Control
- Biosecurity Field Surveillance
- Biosecurity Infected Premises Operations
- Biosecurity Emergency Response Leader
- Biosecurity 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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# Biosecurity Emergency Response Operations












The PUA30919 Certificate III in Public Safety (Biosecurity Emergency 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    |   | PUAOHS001 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<br>AHC BIO302 Identify and report unusual disease or plant pest signs | Biosecurity Emergency field surveillance           |
|  QUARBER |   | AHC BIO202 Follow site quarantine procedures<br>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 Emergency Response Leadership

The PUA40419 Certificate IV in Public Safety (Biosecurity Emergency 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 to meet legislative requirements |   |
|  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<br>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 Emergency Management

The PUA50219 Diploma in Public Safety (Biosecurity Emergency 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.

| Modules     |
|-------------|
| 5 Core      |
| 6 Electives |

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.

| 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<br>PUAOPE018 Control a level 2 incident<br>PUATEA003 Lead, manage and develop teams |  |
| BRIEFBER  | PUAOPE015 Conduct Briefings and debriefings   |  |

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<br>PUACOM004 Manage organisational communications 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                                   |
| CON2BER  | PUAOPE018 Control a level 2 incident                                  |
| POBER    | AHCBER601 Plan and oversee an emergency disease or plant pest program |
| SAFEBER  | BSBWHS501 Ensure a safe workplace                                     |
| 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.