

THE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AMERICAN FOULBROOD NATIONAL PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN

Policy Document

- Policy Number:** AFB/22/0/11 - 030
- Policy Title:** AFB Recognition Course and Test Registration / Entry Criteria
- Legislation:** Biosecurity Act 1993
Biosecurity (National American Foulbrood Pest Management Plan) Order 1998 in particular Section 31 (aaa)
- Scope:** The making available of AFB Recognition Course training and taking the test is a key objective of the AFB PMP.
- Purpose:** To establish a eligibility criteria.
- Background:** There is some misunderstanding amongst the beekeeping community where it is considered the AFB Recognition Course and holding a DECA are one in the same thing.
- Section 31 (aaa) of the Order states that to have a DECA the person/s concerned must have passed the Management Agencies or other approved course.
- In determining this policy the Board of Management contends there is nothing in the Order that prevents a person/s from taking the course and sitting the test at any time. Taken further the person/s do not even have to be interested in bees to sit the test.
- Policy Statement:** Anyone, irrespective of being a registered beekeeper can attend an AFB Recognition Course and take the test if it is their wish.
- Effective Date of Policy:** 16 September 2016
- Policy Review Date:** 18 September 2018



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