



**Australian Government**

**Assessment Requirements for AMPA3121  
Perform ante and post-mortem inspection -  
Bovine**

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## Modification History

Release	TP Version	Comment
1	AMPv2.0	Initial release

## Performance Evidence

Candidates must perform the ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection of cattle and/or buffalo to Australian Standards and other relevant regulatory requirements in a workplace environment under normal operating conditions.

The candidate must:

- perform ante-mortem inspection in accordance with the Australian Standard and where relevant other importing country requirements
- describe principles and procedures for humane handling
- identify common diseases and conditions found at ante-mortem
- describe symptoms of emergency or notifiable diseases
- make correct dispositions for the emergency, notifiable and common diseases and conditions found at ante mortem in accordance with the Australian Standard
- segregate suspect animals in accordance with the Australian Standard and / or importing country requirements
- identify the steps and procedures for humane destruction, emergency and suspect kills
- identify the organs, skeletal structure and elements of the lymphatic, circulatory, digestive, urinary, nervous and respiratory systems relevant to meat inspection duties
- perform post-mortem inspection in accordance with the Australian Standard and, where relevant, other importing country requirements
- identify common diseases and conditions found at post-mortem
- describe the symptoms of emergency and notifiable diseases found at post mortem
- make correct dispositions for the common, emergency and notifiable diseases and conditions in accordance with the Australian Standard
- treat carcasses and offal in accordance with the Australian Standard and/or importing country requirements
- monitor restraint, stunning and bleeding in order to detect, assess and report animal welfare issues
- take and dispatch samples for mandated testing
- treat carcasses being held for test results in accordance with regulatory or importing country requirements

- perform inspection duties in accordance with workplace health and safety requirements

## Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate a factual, technical, procedural and theoretical knowledge of:

- the physiology and anatomy of cattle and/or buffalo
- the Australian Standard procedures for the ante and post mortem inspection of cattle and/or buffalo
- additional inspection procedures relevant to the plant where assessment of the trainee is taking place
- humane and efficient slaughtering techniques including restraint, stunning and bleeding
- procedures for retaining carcasses
- carcase sampling and testing
- workplace health and safety hazards and workplace requirements
- role of equipment for meeting hygiene and sanitation and workplace requirements
- correct technique for incision of parts and organs
- procedures for disposal of condemned carcase
- procedures for identifying, collecting and submitting specimens
- segregation requirements for suspect animals
- steps and procedures for humane destruction, emergency and suspect kills
- steps in ante-mortem inspection and recognise abnormal conditions
- symptoms of common diseases and conditions
- symptoms of major emergency or notifiable diseases
- regulatory requirements associated with emergency or notifiable diseases
- the relevant registration processes and procedures for meat inspectors at their specific plant

## Assessment Conditions

Assessment of ante and post mortem inspection must be conducted in a slaughtering establishment and assessment of post mortem inspection must be at chain speed.

As a minimum, assessment must consist of the following three forms of assessment:

- a workplace referee report which documents at least 10 practice ante-mortem inspections and 100 hours of post-mortem inspection practice on the chain under the supervision of a qualified meat inspector or on plant veterinary officer (note that this may be reduced to 50 hours if this is the second post-mortem inspection unit selected). The candidate must diarise the practice including the number of livestock / carcasses inspected and conditions detected and this has to be verified by a workplace supervisor or mentor
- knowledge test which must include an assessment of the candidates knowledge of common diseases and conditions as well as emergency and notifiable diseases
- on-the-job assessment with assessor observation

Assessors must satisfy the current standards for RTOs.

## **Links**

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=5e2e56b7-698f-4822-84bb-25adbb8443a7>