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# **AHCLSK222 Care for health and welfare of livestock**

**Release: 1**

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## Modification History

| Release   | Comments                                                                                                                     |
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| Release 1 | This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Release 11.0. |

## Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to care for the health and welfare of livestock.

The unit applies to individuals who work under general supervision and exercise limited autonomy with some accountability for their own work. They identify and provide solutions to a limited range of predictable problems.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace, and animal welfare legislation, regulations, standards and guidelines, and sustainability and biosecurity practices.

In addition to legal responsibilities, all units of competency dealing with animals in the AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package have the requirements for animals to be handled humanely to minimise stress and discomfort.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

## Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

## Unit Sector

Livestock (LSK)

## Elements and Performance Criteria

| Elements                                  | Performance Criteria                                                                            |
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| Elements describe the essential outcomes. | Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. |
| 1. Prepare for work                       | 1.1 Discuss work requirements with supervisor and seek clarification                            |

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|                                                                         | <p>where necessary</p> <p>1.2 Prepare and use tools and equipment according to supervisor instructions and safe working practices</p> <p>1.3 Identify workplace health and safety hazards and report to supervisor</p> <p>1.4 Select, fit, use and maintain personal protective equipment (PPE) applicable to task</p> <p>1.5 Check and report faulty or unsafe tools, equipment or PPE to supervisor</p>                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2. Monitor and assess livestock health and welfare                      | <p>2.1 Check livestock regularly to assess health and welfare</p> <p>2.2 Recognise signs of poor health, injury or abnormal behaviour and report to supervisor</p> <p>2.3 Handle livestock using good stock handling techniques and according to workplace animal welfare practices</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 3. Implement livestock health and welfare procedures                    | <p>3.1 Follow biosecurity procedures as instructed to minimise the risk of disease</p> <p>3.2 Handle livestock using workplace hygiene practices to reduce risks from transmissible diseases and general infection control</p> <p>3.3 Treat sick and injured livestock or make arrangements to humanely destroy livestock as instructed</p> <p>3.4 Identify environmental implications associated with livestock husbandry practices, and report to supervisor</p> <p>3.5 Follow workplace animal welfare practices</p> <p>3.6 Follow workplace animal welfare emergency procedures where required</p> |
| 4. Administer drenches, vaccines and prescribed treatments to livestock | <p>4.1 Prepare livestock treatment site and facilities</p> <p>4.2 Prepare livestock treatments</p> <p>4.3 Move, yard and control livestock and inspect for treatment requirements</p> <p>4.4 Handle livestock using good livestock handling techniques and according to animal welfare practices</p> <p>4.5 Administer animal health treatments as instructed</p> <p>4.6 Record health treatment batch numbers and date of expiry</p>                                                                                                                                                                  |

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|                                                   | according to regulations and workplace requirements                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 5. Monitor treated livestock and maintain records | 5.1 Monitor livestock post-treatment for signs of treatment effectiveness<br>5.2 Recognise and report livestock health and condition abnormalities<br>5.3 Record disease incidence, livestock losses, and treatments<br>5.4 Report post-treatment information to the supervisor so that prevention strategies can be planned and implemented<br>5.5 Dispose of livestock residues and waste according to environmental practices and supervisor instructions |
| 6. Complete work                                  | 6.1 Clean and maintain facilities using appropriate hygiene procedures<br>6.2 Return materials and unused treatments to store or dispose of according to workplace environment and biosecurity policies and procedures<br>6.3 Clean, maintain and store equipment and materials according to supervisor instructions<br>6.4 Report work outcomes and faults, wear or damage of equipment to supervisor                                                       |

## Foundation Skills

*This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.*

| Skill              | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Writing            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use clear language, accurate industry terminology and logical structure to record disease incidence, livestock losses and treatments, including batch numbers and date of expiry</li> </ul>             |
| Oral communication | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use clear language to report malfunctions, faults, wear or damage to equipment, and livestock health and welfare issues and treatments</li> <li>Respond to questions and clarify information</li> </ul> |

## Unit Mapping Information

| Code and title<br>current release                  | Code and title<br>previous release                 | Comments                                                                                                                                         | Equivalence status |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| AHCLSK222 Care for health and welfare of livestock | AHCLSK202 Care for health and welfare of livestock | Minor changes to application<br>Minor changes to elements and performance criteria<br>Foundation skills added<br>Assessment requirements updated | Equivalent         |

## Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -  
<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>