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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 move and control alpacas using basic handling methods and procedures.

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 work 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

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| 1. Prepare to handle alpacas              | <p>1.1 Discuss work requirements with supervisor and seek clarification where necessary</p> <p>1.2 Identify workplace health and safety hazards and report to supervisor</p> <p>1.3 Select, fit, use and maintain personal protective equipment (PPE) applicable to the task</p> <p>1.4 Identify, prepare and maintain alpaca handling areas, gates and access routes</p> <p>1.5 Prepare and use handling equipment according to supervisor instructions and safe working practices</p> <p>1.6 Check and report missing, faulty or unsafe tools, equipment or PPE to supervisor</p> <p>1.7 Locate and identify alpacas for handling according to supervisor instructions</p> <p>1.8 Observe and anticipate behavioural characteristics of alpacas and use appropriate handling methods</p> <p>1.9 Follow site biosecurity procedures as instructed to minimise the risk of disease</p> |
| 2. Handle alpacas                         | <p>2.1 Follow procedures to control and sort alpacas safely according to workplace animal welfare practices</p> <p>2.2 Classify alpacas according to age, sex and husbandry tasks to be performed</p> <p>2.3 Carry out restraint procedures safely with minimum stress and discomfort to alpacas according to workplace animal welfare practices</p> <p>2.4 Transport alpacas when required according to animal welfare practices</p> <p>2.5 Monitor and anticipate alpaca behaviour during moving and handling processes to ensure wellbeing of alpacas and safety of handlers</p> <p>2.6 Conduct count of alpaca and record or report as required</p> <p>2.7 Identify environmental implications associated with alpaca handling and husbandry tasks and report to supervisor</p>                                                                                                    |
| 3. Carry out alpaca husbandry tasks       | <p>3.1 Carry out alpaca husbandry safely according to workplace animal welfare practices</p> <p>3.2 Identify unhealthy stock and abnormal conditions and behaviour</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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|                                           | and report to supervisor<br>3.3 Provide adequate feed and clean water to stock<br>3.4 Recognise plants poisonous to alpacas and report to supervisor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 4. Complete alpaca handling activities    | 4.1 Complete alpaca husbandry tasks as instructed, and prepare gates and access routes for alpaca departure<br>4.2 Dispose of alpaca residues and waste according to environmental practices and supervisor instructions<br>4.3 Clean and maintain handling areas and equipment and store equipment and materials according to supervisor instructions<br>4.4 Report work outcomes, handling area maintenance requirements, and faults, wear or damage of equipment to supervisor<br>4.5 Record and report relevant information about particular animals and the husbandry tasks performed |

## 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 alpaca details and husbandry tasks</li> </ul>                                                          |
| Oral communication | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use clear language to report alpaca handling and husbandry tasks, and malfunctions, faults, wear or damage to equipment</li> <li>Respond to questions and clarify information</li> </ul> |
| Numeracy           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interpret basic mathematical information in charts, tables or workplace documents</li> </ul>                                                                                             |

## Unit Mapping Information

| Code and title current release | Code and title previous release | Comments | Equivalence status |
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| AHCLSK232 Carry out alpaca handling and husbandry operations | AHCLSK215 Carry out alpaca handling and husbandry operations | Minor changes to application<br>Minor changes to elements and performance criteria<br>Foundation skills added<br>Assessment requirements updated | Equivalent |
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## Links

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