



Australian Government

AHCLSK349 Euthanase livestock

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Modification History

Release	Comments
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 euthanase livestock without distress or suffering prior to cessation of their vital life functions.

The unit applies to individuals who euthanase livestock under broad direction and take responsibility for their own work.

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.

Individuals must hold firearms licenses if they are using firearms to euthanase livestock.

Individuals must comply with national and local regulations for disposal of the carcass.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Livestock (LSK)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Prepare for euthanasia	1.1 Confirm criteria for decision to destroy livestock according to

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	workplace procedures and seek approval of supervisor 1.2 Confirm the method selected to destroy livestock is suitable for the species according to animal welfare and codes of practice requirements 1.3 Identify hazards and risks and implement safe working practices to manage risks 1.4 Select, fit, use and maintain personal protective equipment (PPE) applicable to the task 1.5 Select, check and prepare equipment and materials required to complete the euthanasia 1.6 Identify environmental and public safety risks associated with the euthanasia 1.7 Obtain licences and permits required to complete euthanasia where necessary
2. Carry out euthanasia of animal	2.1 Handle and transport equipment appropriately and safely 2.2 Handle and restrain animal using good stock handling techniques and according to animal welfare practices 2.3 Euthanase animal in a quick and painless way 2.4 Check animal to ensure it is dead 2.5 Destroy animals that have not been euthanased immediately, in a humane manner according to animal welfare practices
3. Carry out post-euthanasia procedures	3.1 Handle and prepare carcass to be used for research or commercial purposes according to workplace requirements 3.2 Dispose of carcass not to be used for research or commercial purposes according to legislative and workplace requirements 3.3 Clean and store equipment, materials and PPE according to workplace procedures 3.4 Identify and report unserviceable equipment and PPE according to workplace procedures 3.5 Record and report animal and euthanasia details according to workplace procedures

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
Reading	Identify and interpret workplace documentation to identify relevant and key information for carrying out euthanasia of livestock
Writing	Use clear language, accurate industry terminology and logical structure to record animal and euthanasia details
Oral communication	- Use clear language to report work activities and malfunctions, faults, wear or damage to tools and equipment - Respond to questions and clarify information

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current release	Code and title previous release	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCLSK349 Euthanase livestock	AHCLSK307 Euthanase livestock	Minor changes to application Minor changes to elements and performance criteria Foundation skills added Assessment requirements updated	Equivalent

Links

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