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# **AHCLSK364 Castrate livestock**

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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 castrate young animals.

The unit applies to individuals who castrate 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.

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 animal castration          | 1.1 Interpret work to be undertaken from work program and confirm with supervisor               |

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|                                                   | <p>1.2 Hold discussions with other workers who may be affected by the activities to ensure continued smooth operation of the production process</p> <p>1.3 Identify hazards and risks and implement safe working practices to manage risks</p> <p>1.4 Select, fit, use and maintain personal protective equipment (PPE) applicable to the task</p> <p>1.5 Hygienically clean castration area to minimise the risk of infection</p> <p>1.6 Select, check and assemble equipment, instruments and resources needed for castration operations, ensuring adequate supplies of consumables</p> <p>1.7 Separate male animals as required using good stock handling techniques and according to animal welfare practices</p> |
| 2. Castrate animals                               | <p>2.1 Select, catch and restrain individual animals using good stock handling techniques and according to animal welfare practices</p> <p>2.2 Check animals for health and soundness according to workplace procedures</p> <p>2.3 Castrate restrained animals in a humane and hygienic manner according to workplace procedures, industry standards, and animal welfare practices</p> <p>2.4 Complete records according to workplace procedures</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 3. Complete hygiene and administration activities | <p>3.1 Dispose of livestock residues, debris and waste according to workplace environmental practices</p> <p>3.2 Clean, maintain and store instruments and equipment using appropriate hygiene procedures</p> <p>3.3 Clean and maintain a safe work area using appropriate hygiene procedures</p> <p>3.4 Identify and report unserviceable equipment and PPE according to workplace procedures</p> <p>3.5 Record and report work outcomes according to workplace procedures</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 4. Monitor castrates                              | <p>4.1 Move animals from yard to pasture as soon as practical with minimal stress to reduce risk of infection</p> <p>4.2 Monitor animals to identify post-castration complications</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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|                                           | 4.3 Identify and treat animals exhibiting signs of ill health or infection                      |

## 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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| Reading            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and interpret workplace documentation to identify relevant and key information for castrating livestock</li> </ul>                                                   |
| Writing            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use clear language, accurate industry terminology and logical structure to record livestock castration details</li> </ul>                                                     |
| Oral communication | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use clear language to report work activities and malfunctions, faults, wear or damage to tools and equipment</li> <li>Respond to questions and clarify information</li> </ul> |

## Unit Mapping Information

| Code and title current release  | Code and title previous release | Comments                                                                                                                                                     | Equivalence status |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| AHCLSK364<br>Castrate livestock | AHCLSK325<br>Castrate livestock | Minor changes to application<br><br>Minor changes to elements and performance criteria<br><br>Foundation skills added<br><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>