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# **AHCPLY210 Catch and load poultry**

**Release: 1**

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### Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 9.0.

### Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to catch, handle and load live poultry for transfer to new facilities or processing plant. The unit applies to poultry from a variety of species and breeds, as well as meat or layer birds.

This unit applies to workers in commercial poultry production who undertake routine tasks under supervision. They perform defined activities according to enterprise procedures. Work environments may include poultry farms and breeding facilities.

Commonwealth and/or state/territory health and safety, animal welfare, environmental protection and biosecurity legislation, regulations and codes of practice apply to keeping and working with poultry. Requirements vary between jurisdictions.

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

### Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

### Unit Sector

Poultry (PLY)

### Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Prepare to catch or pick up poultry	1.1 Confirm and follow personal hygiene and other biosecurity procedures that apply to entering and working on a poultry farm or facility 1.2 Confirm sheds, flocks and bird numbers to be caught and loaded

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	<p>1.3 Identify health and safety hazards, assess risks, and control and/or report risks</p> <p>1.4 Advise other workers of upcoming bird movement as required</p> <p>1.5 Select and fit appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) required for the catching or picking up of poultry</p> <p>1.6 Adjust shed lighting, ventilation and temperature in readiness to catch and/or move poultry according to enterprise procedures</p> <p>1.7 Raise feeders, drinkers, nests and perches as required</p> <p>1.8 Ensure that catching locations, movement pathways and vehicle loading area are safe and clear of obstacles</p> <p>1.9 Select, clean, prepare and/or set up catching tools and equipment according to age, stock type and production system</p>
2. Handle and move poultry	<p>2.1 Move birds into catching area or remove birds from cages or crates using safe manual handling, and safe and low stress bird handling techniques</p> <p>2.2 Identify birds that are not fit to move, and separate according to enterprise procedures</p> <p>2.3 Catch and/or handle birds being relocated, and place birds in crates or modules or weighing cells according to space or weight requirements</p> <p>2.4 Check birds regularly and take action to manage temperature and ventilation, and minimise smothering</p> <p>2.5 Move crates or modules safely and load onto vehicle gently using safe manual handling techniques</p> <p>2.6 Complete records and report issues promptly</p>
3. Undertake cleaning and reporting	<p>3.1 Identify health and safety hazards, assess risks, and control and/or report risks associated with cleaning work areas</p> <p>3.2 Select and fit appropriate PPE required for cleaning</p> <p>3.3 Measure chemicals and prepare cleaning fluids safely according to supplier instructions and enterprise procedures</p> <p>3.4 Check and prepare cleaning equipment</p> <p>3.5 Clean, sanitise, maintain and store equipment and tools as required</p> <p>3.6 Dispose of waste according to enterprise biosecurity and environmental procedures</p>

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## 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.*

<b>Skill</b>	<b>Description</b>
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interpret key information from enterprise animal welfare and biosecurity procedures</li> </ul>
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use industry terminology to record information about moving poultry</li> </ul>
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measure and calculate quantity, time, weight, temperature, area, volume and ratio</li> </ul>

## Unit Mapping Information

<b>Code and title current version</b>	<b>Code and title previous version</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Equivalence status</b>
AHCPLY210 Catch and load poultry	AHCPLY206 Catch and load poultry	Elements revised for clarity  Performance criteria removed, added or revised for clarity  Foundation skills added  Performance evidence, knowledge evidence and assessment conditions updated	Not equivalent

## Links

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