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AHCPRK311 Care for health and welfare of pigs

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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 provide routine health care for pigs. It includes monitoring pig environments, feeding and watering, and completing health checks and treatments.

This unit applies to individuals who apply technical knowledge and skills with discretion and judgement to care for pigs in pork production environments. They work under broad direction, coordinate activities and solve problems related to pig welfare. Work environments may include indoor and outdoor pork production systems.

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 pigs. Requirements vary between jurisdictions.

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

Mandatory workplace requirements apply to the assessment of this unit.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Pork (PRK)

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. Monitor pig environment	1.1 Identify and follow biosecurity procedures that apply to entering and working on a pork production site

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	1.2 Identify health and safety hazards, and assess risks and control risks prior to commencing monitoring tasks 1.3 Select, prepare and fit appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) required for monitoring tasks and conditions 1.4 Check and/or adjust pig accommodation and/or enclosures to meet individual animal health and welfare requirements according to enterprise procedures, including safety and security 1.5 Check and/or adjust temperature, ventilation, humidity and other environmental control equipment to meet pig needs 1.6 Check and/or adjust pig feeders and drinkers according to enterprise schedule 1.7 Check for signs of pests and/or predators according to enterprise procedures 1.8 Record and report issues according to enterprise requirements
2. Maintain hygiene	2.1 Identify work areas, surfaces and equipment to be cleaned and/or disinfected 2.2 Identify health and safety hazards, and assess risks and control risks prior to commencing hygiene tasks 2.3 Select and fit appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) required for hygiene tasks and conditions 2.4 Clean and/or disinfect work areas, equipment and surfaces according to enterprise health, safety, personal hygiene and biosecurity procedures 2.5 Dispose of waste according to enterprise environmental and biosecurity procedures
3. Carry out routine pig health checks	3.1 Identify signs of good health in pigs 3.2 Check pigs and report signs of ill health, diseases, parasite infestations, physical abnormalities and abnormal behaviour 3.3 Seek immediate advice where signs indicate an unusual disease 3.4 Record pig health status
4. Administer treatments to pigs	4.1 Confirm pig identification and determine vaccine, medication or other treatment requirements according to enterprise health plan 4.2 Identify health and safety hazards, assess risks and control risks prior to commencing treatment tasks

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	4.3 Select and fit appropriate PPE required for treatment tasks and conditions 4.4 Provide routine vaccines, medications or other treatments to pigs using safe and low stress techniques according to enterprise requirements 4.5 Store vaccines, medications and treatments according to product label and enterprise requirements 4.6 Complete records according to enterprise requirements
5. Respond to dead or non-viable pigs	5.1 Remove and/or dispose of dead pigs according to enterprise procedures 5.2 Recognise, report and carry out appropriate procedures for non-viable pigs 5.3 Report and record pig losses and non-viable pigs

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	Interpret key information on pig treatment from industry documentation
Writing	Use industry terminology to record information about pig health
Numeracy	Estimate and calculate quantity, time, weight, temperature, volume and ratio

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCPRK311 Care for health and welfare	AHCPRK201 Care for health and welfare	AQF indicator in unit code changed to reflect revised	Not equivalent

of pigs	of pigs	unit outcomes Major changes to all sections of the unit Foundation skills added Mandatory workplace requirements added	
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Links

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<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>