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# **AHCSHG203 Shear sheep to novice level**

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### Modification History

Release	TP Version	Comment
1	AHCv1.0	Initial release

### Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to select, handle and shear sheep under supervision to novice level.

Novice level is defined as shearing a minimum of 40 adult merino sheep or 50 adult crossbred sheep per day to industry standards.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, work health and safety, animal welfare and biosecurity legislation and codes, and sustainability practices.

This unit applies to individuals who work under general supervision and exercise limited autonomy with some accountability for their own work.

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

### Pre-requisite Unit

Nil.

### Unit Sector

Shearing (SHG)

### Elements and Performance Criteria

Element	Performance criteria
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Set-up shearing handpiece	1.1 Identify potential and existing hazards in the workplace and report to supervisor 1.2 Check shearing equipment for correct operation 1.3 Assemble comb and cutter on handpiece 1.4 Set lead and throw for comb and cutter

Element	Performance criteria
	1.5 Set tension to enable comb and cutter to cut wool cleanly with minimum friction 1.6 Lubricate working surfaces and moving parts
2. Follow health and fitness procedures	2.1 Prepare for exercises to warm-up the body 2.2 Perform back, shoulder, leg, arm, and abdomen stretches 2.3 Recognise the necessities of hydration, nutrition and rest periods
3. Catch sheep for shearing	3.1 Select, use and maintain suitable personal protective equipment 3.2 Catch sheep and move to required location in line with organisational, work health and safety, industry and animal welfare standards 3.3 Drag sheep from the catching pen to the shearing board using safe manual handling techniques 3.4 Position sheep for shearing
4. Remove fleece	4.1 Activate handpiece and position in readiness for shearing operations 4.2 Shear section of sheep in position suitable to the individual's competence 4.3 Shear the six basic positions in sequence 4.4 Minimise injury to sheep and treat injuries where required 4.5 Release sheep safely from the board into the count-out pens 4.6 Minimise second cuts and contamination 4.7 Maintain shearing effort to achieve the required minimum rate per day to acceptable standard

## Foundation Skills

Foundation Skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

## Range of Conditions

## Unit Mapping Information

This unit is equivalent to AHCSHG203A Shear sheep to novice level

## Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>

