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AHCSHG204 Shear sheep to improver 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 improver level.

Improver level is defined as shearing a minimum of 80 adult merino sheep or 100 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 broad supervision and take responsibility for their own work. They use discretion and judgement in the selection and use of available resources.

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. Prepare for shearing	1.1 Check shearing equipment for correct operation prior to shearing session 1.2 Identify potential and existing hazards in the workplace and report to the supervisor

Element	Performance criteria
	1.3 Select, use and maintain suitable personal protective equipment 1.4 Identify, catch sheep and move to required location in line with organisational, work health and safety, industry and animal welfare standards
2. Perform shearing operations	2.1 Position sheep for shearing using identified positions 2.2 Activate handpiece and position in readiness for shearing operations 2.3 Shear sheep using identified method and positions 2.4 Use shearing methods that ensure that injuries and damage to the sheep and fleece is avoided while meeting volume expectations 2.5 Use safe and humane handling techniques at all times
3. Respond to complications	3.1 Identify contamination during shearing operations and report to wool handlers 3.2 Suture sheep cuts as required 3.3 Identify flyblown sheep and report 3.4 Identify problem sheep and report
4. Complete shearing operation	4.1 Place wool to avoid contamination and for wool handlers to collect 4.2 Set handpiece to non-operational position and store 4.3 Release sheep safely from the board into the count-out pens 4.4 Report shearing grievances and difficulties 4.5 Follow enterprise biosecurity policies where required

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 AHCSHG204A Shear sheep to improver level

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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