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AHCSHG210 Undertake basic shearing and crutching

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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 for basic wool removal as part of a shearing and crutching operation.

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 alongside a supervisor in most situations and exercise limited autonomy within established and well known parameters.

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 as directed	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 1.5 Set tension to enable comb and cutter to cut wool cleanly with minimum friction

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	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 2.4 Select suitable personal protective equipment and ensure correct fit
3. Catch sheep for shearing	3.1 Catch and move sheep in line with organisational, work health and safety, industry and animal welfare standards 3.2 Move sheep from the catching pen to the shearing board using safe manual handling techniques 3.3 Position sheep for shearing and crutching
4. Remove wool	4.1 Activate handpiece and position in readiness for shearing and crutching operations 4.2 Shear and crutch section of sheep as directed 4.3 Release sheep safely from the board into the count-out pens

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 AHCSHG101A Undertake basic shearing and crutching

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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