



Australian Government

AHCSHG211 Crutch sheep

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 Release 11.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to crutch a sheep.

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

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety, biosecurity, environmental sustainability and animal welfare regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Shearing (SHG)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Prepare for crutching operations	1.1 Access crutching equipment to prepare for correct operation prior to commencing work 1.2 Communicate with team members to identify potential and existing hazards in the workplace and report to the supervisor 1.3 Select, use and maintain suitable personal protective equipment (PPE) and ensure correct fit

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	1.4 Identify, catch and move sheep to be crutched in line with work health and safety (WHS), industry and animal welfare standards 1.5 Position sheep for crutching in a manner that complies with animal welfare standards
2. Perform crutching operations	2.1 Activate handpiece and position in readiness for crutching 2.2 Shear wool from face, crutch or belly as instructed within the allocated time period 2.3 Use crutching methods to ensure that injury to the sheep and damage to the fleece are avoided 2.4 Use safe handling techniques at all times
3. Respond to complications	3.1 Identify contamination during crutching and report to wool handlers 3.2 Treat cuts as required according to WHS and animal welfare standards 3.3 Identify and report flyblown sheep according to workplace procedures 3.4 Identify and report sheep that have a health and welfare problem according to workplace procedures
4. Complete crutching operations	4.1 Place wool appropriately to avoid contamination and for wool handlers to collect 4.2 Switch off handpiece and re-position to non-operational position 4.3 Release sheep safely from the board into the count-out pens 4.4 Report crutching issues to supervisor 4.5 Tally crutched sheep count in line with workplace procedures 4.6 Follow workplace environment and biosecurity policies

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
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Numeracy	Estimate and apply time requirements to achieve the required output
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Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current release	Code and title previous release	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCSHG211 Crutch sheep	AHCSHG201 Crutch sheep	Application wording clarified Changes to performance criteria for clarification Foundation skills information added Changes to performance evidence to specify volume and frequency Knowledge evidence specificity added, and other wording clarified Assessment conditions clarified	Equivalent

Links

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