



Australian Government

AHCSHG214 Shear sheep to improver level

Release: 1

AHCSHG214 Shear sheep to improver level

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 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.

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.

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

No 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

Elements	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 Identify relevant awards, agreements and workplace policies associated with shearing sheep 1.2 Check shearing equipment for correct operation prior to shearing

Elements	Performance Criteria
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
	session according to workplace standards 1.3 Select, use correctly and maintain suitable personal protective equipment (PPE) 1.4 Identify, catch and move sheep to required location in line with workplace work health and safety (WHS), industry and animal welfare standards 1.5 Identify potential and existing hazards in the workplace and report to the supervisor 1.6 Communicate with wool harvesting team members to ensure steady workflow according to workplace standards
2. Perform shearing operations	2.1 Catch and position sheep for shearing using identified positions 2.2 Activate handpiece and position in readiness for shearing operations according to manufacturer specifications 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 are avoided while meeting volume expectations 2.5 Use safe and humane handling techniques at all times according to workplace standards
3. Respond to complications	3.1 Identify contamination during shearing operations and report to wool handlers 3.2 Suture sheep cuts as required in line with animal welfare standards 3.3 Identify flyblown sheep, dermatitis and black wool and report to supervisor 3.4 Identify sheep that have a health and welfare problem and report to supervisor
4. Complete shearing operation	4.1 Place wool appropriately to avoid contamination and for wool handlers to collect 4.2 Set handpiece to non-operational position and store as per workplace requirements 4.3 Release sheep safely from the board into the count-out pens and tally sheep shorn in line with workplace standards 4.4 Report shearing grievances and difficulties to supervisor 4.5 Follow workplace biosecurity and environment policies to maintain quality standards

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
Numeracy	Estimate and apply time requirements to achieve the required output

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current release	Code and title previous release	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCSHG214 Shear sheep to improver level	AHCSHG204 Shear sheep to improver level	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

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>