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AHCWOL205 Pen sheep

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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 monitor and maintain the supply of sheep to shearer catching pens.

This unit applies to individuals who work under general supervision and exercise limited autonomy with some accountability for their own work. They identify and provide solutions to a limited range of predictable problems.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures and standards, work health and safety (WHS), animal welfare, environmental sustainability and biosecurity requirements according to state/territory regulations, 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

Wool (WOL)

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. Identify the industry working conditions	1.1 Identify the relevant industry awards 1.2 Identify the team work requirements in wool harvesting 1.3 Follow workplace biosecurity and environment policies

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Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
2. Provide continuous supply of sheep to shearers	2.1 Identify work health and safety (WHS) hazards and report to the supervisor 2.2 Select, use and fit suitable personal protective equipment (PPE) correctly 2.3 Apply animal welfare principles to the movement and penning of sheep 2.4 Pen sheep in their separate mobs as instructed by the supervisor 2.5 Secure gates to prevent sheep escaping on to the board 2.6 Monitor the speed of shearers and arrange numbers of sheep in catching pens so that shearers all complete shearing at or near mob cut-out 2.7 Monitor sheep numbers in catching pens and fill and refill pens as they empty to ensure continuous supply to shearers 2.8 Arrange pen density to optimum numbers
3. Keep sheep mobs separate	3.1 Secure gates to prevent mixing of mobs according to workplace procedures 3.2 Fill pens with sheep from only one mob at any given time to avoid mixing mobs and wool types 3.3 Inform supervisor of mob cut-out 3.4 Move sheep to other catching pens to ensure that mob cut-out is simultaneous 3.5 Use safe workplace practices and observe animal welfare requirements with regard to livestock handling
4. Prevent contamination of wool	4.1 Monitor pens to maintain sheep in standing position to avoid crushing, trampling or soiling of wool 4.2 Minimise and remove potential contaminants within pens

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
Oral communication	• Use the accepted communications language and signals in the workplace • Listen and apply appropriate questioning in order to interpret the shed supervisor's instructions

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current release	Code and title previous release	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCWOL205 Pen sheep	AHCWOL201 Pen sheep	Application wording clarified Element added 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	Not equivalent

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