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# **AHCPRK202A Care for weaner and grower pigs**

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### Modification History

Not Applicable

### Unit Descriptor

<b>Unit descriptor</b>	This unit covers the process of caring for weaner and grower pigs under supervision and defines the standard required to: prepare accommodation for weaners and growers; wean a litter; arrange weaners in groups and move into pens; apply health treatments; follow and maintain site quarantine procedures; monitor growth and condition of weaner and grower pigs.
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### Application of the Unit

<b>Application of the unit</b>	This unit applies to workers in pork production enterprises operating under routine supervision within organisational guidelines.
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### Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not Applicable

### Pre-Requisites

<b>Prerequisite units</b>		

## Employability Skills Information

<b>Employability skills</b>	This unit contains employability skills.
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## Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

Not Applicable

## Elements and Performance Criteria

<b>ELEMENT</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE CRITERIA</b>

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
1. Prepare accommodation for weaners	<p>1.1. Appropriate accommodation is cleaned, disinfected and prepared for all classes of weaned pigs according to enterprise practice and instructions.</p> <p>1.2. Housing environment and conditions are checked and adjusted as required to ensure appropriate ventilation, temperature and humidity.</p> <p>1.3. Feeders and drinkers are filled or prepared according to supervisor's instructions.</p> <p>1.4. Problems with accommodation and/or environmental controls are noted and reported to the supervisor for appropriate action.</p> <p>1.5. All work is conducted safely and according to enterprise requirements, Occupational Health and Safety (OHS), industry and animal welfare regulations.</p>
2. Wean litter and form viable group	<p>2.1. Litter is weaned according to established schedules, enterprise practice and codes of welfare.</p> <p>2.2. Pigs are grouped from different litters to form viable groups based on body weight and sex at stocking densities to achieve optimal productivity.</p> <p>2.3. Behaviour and condition of weaners are regularly monitored and appropriate actions taken.</p> <p>2.4. Weaners are provided with water and appropriate feed according to the established feed schedule to meet nutritional and growth requirements.</p> <p>2.5. Weaner mortalities are recorded and/or reported to the supervisor and deceased stock is removed according to enterprise policy.</p> <p>2.6. Preventative treatments are administered according to schedules and the supervisor's instructions.</p>
3. Prepare accommodation for growers	<p>3.1. Accommodation is prepared and cleaned for new grower stock according to enterprise procedures.</p> <p>3.2. Environment is controlled and monitored in line with established procedures.</p> <p>3.3. Feeders and drinkers are filled or prepared according to instructions.</p> <p>3.4. Problems with accommodation and/or environmental controls are noted and reported to the supervisor for appropriate action.</p>
4. Monitor growers and finishers	<p>4.1. Pig condition and health are regularly monitored as an integral part of daily routines.</p> <p>4.2. Feeders and drinkers are regularly checked as a part</p>

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	<p>of daily routines.</p> <p>4.3. Pig groups are moved as required in line with growth and condition.</p> <p>4.4. Poor performing pigs are removed from groups and reassigned in line with enterprise policy.</p> <p>4.5. Sick, injured or unhealthy pigs are isolated in a quarantine area or noted for euthanasia according to enterprise policy animal welfare procedures.</p> <p>4.6. Health treatments are applied when required and according to the supervisor's instructions and enterprise policy.</p> <p>4.7. Grower mortalities are recorded and/or reported to the supervisor and deceased stock is removed according to enterprise policy.</p>

## Required Skills and Knowledge

### REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit.

#### Required skills

- identify hazards and follow safe operating procedures
- handle and move pigs safely
- prepare accommodation for weaners and growers
- wean pigs
- monitor pig health and welfare
- maintain feeders and drinkers
- follow and maintain site quarantine procedures
- monitor and adjust environmental controls
- undertake work as directed
- handle materials and equipment
- clean up on completion of work
- use literacy skills to follow sequenced written instructions and record information accurately and legibly
- use oral communication skills/language competence to fulfil the job role as specified by the organisation including questioning, active listening, asking for clarification and seeking advice from supervisor
- use numeracy skills to estimate, calculate and record routine workplace measures
- use interpersonal skills to relate to people from a range of social, cultural and

**REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE**

ethnic backgrounds and with a range of physical and mental abilities.

**Required knowledge**

- safe work practices
- risks to newly weaned piglets
- nutrition, water and environmental needs of young pigs
- typical diseases affecting young pigs and their treatment
- animal welfare principles applying to intensive production
- target growth rates of weaners and growers
- dietary requirements of weaner and grower pigs
- repair and maintenance of structures
- OHS and environmental legislation and workplace requirements.

## Evidence Guide

<b>EVIDENCE GUIDE</b>	
The evidence guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge, range statement and the Assessment Guidelines for the Training Package.	
<b>Overview of assessment</b>	
<b>Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit</b>	<p>The evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit must be relevant to workplace operations and satisfy holistically all of the requirements of the performance criteria and required skills and knowledge and include achievement of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• prepare accommodation for weaners and growers</li> <li>• wean a litter</li> <li>• arrange weaners in groups and move into pens</li> <li>• apply health treatments</li> <li>• follow and maintain site quarantine procedures</li> <li>• monitor growth and condition of weaner and grower pigs.</li> </ul>
<b>Context of and specific resources for assessment</b>	Competency requires the application of work practices under work conditions. Selection and use of resources for some worksites may differ due to the regional or enterprise circumstances.

## Range Statement

<b>RANGE STATEMENT</b>	
The range statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole.	
Pigs may include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• all breeds and types of pigs used for commercial pork production.</li> </ul>

## Unit Sector(s)

<b>Unit sector</b>	Pork production
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## Co-requisite units

<b>Co-requisite units</b>		

## Competency field

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