



**Australian Government**

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## Modification History

| Release | Comments                                                                                                   |
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| 1       | This unit of competency was first released in AMP Australian Meat Processing Training Package Release 9.0. |

## Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to unload animals from transport. It requires a working knowledge of animal handling techniques and associated facilities and equipment.

This unit applies to individuals who work under general supervision to unload animals from transport at a meat processing or animal handling facility.

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

Mandatory workplace requirements apply to the assessment of this unit.

## Licensing/Regulatory Information

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

## Pre-requisite unit(s)

Nil.

## Competency field(s)

N/A

## Unit sector(s)

Livestock (LSK)

## Elements and Performance Criteria

| Element                                   | Performance criteria                                                                            |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Elements describe the essential outcomes. | Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. |

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| 1. Prepare to unload animals                    | <p>1.1 Identify work instructions, animal welfare requirements and work health and safety requirements</p> <p>1.2 Identify facilities and equipment required for task, and confirm with supervisor</p> <p>1.3 Check the work site, facilities and equipment for hazards</p> <p>1.4 Carry out or report repairs and maintenance of facilities and equipment required for the unloading of animals</p> <p>1.5 Select and wear appropriate personal protective equipment</p> |
| 2. Unload animals                               | <p>2.1 Unload animals in a safe manner to minimise stress and ensure no injury to other workers or animals</p> <p>2.2 Identify, count and record animals following workplace guidelines</p> <p>2.3 Ensure documentation is passed on to supervisor according to workplace and transporter requirements</p>                                                                                                                                                                |
| 3. Perform appropriate animal health procedures | <p>3.1 Sort animals according to workplace and regulatory requirements</p> <p>3.2 Identify and separate sick or injured animals</p> <p>3.3 Perform animal health treatments as instructed and where required</p> <p>3.4 Feed and water animals following workplace requirements</p>                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## 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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| Writing            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record details of animals unloaded</li> </ul>                                                                                                                           |
| Oral communication | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interact with animal transporter to agree on condition of animals</li> <li>Interact with team members and/or supervisor to ensure flow of work is maintained</li> </ul> |
| Numeracy           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Count and record animal numbers</li> </ul>                                                                                                                              |

## Range of conditions

*This section specifies different work environments and conditions in which the task may be performed.*

*This unit must be delivered in one of the following registered meat processing work environments.*

|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Micro meat processing premises  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>operating fewer than four days a week with a small throughput for one or more, small or large, species, or</li> <li>employing fewer than four workers on the processing floor</li> </ul> |
| Larger meat processing premises | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>operating more than four days a week with a throughput for one or more, small or large, species, or</li> <li>employing more than four workers on the processing floor</li> </ul>         |

## Unit Mapping Information

| Current Code and Title      | Previous Code and Title   | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Equivalence |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| AMPLSK206<br>Unload animals | AMPA2005 Unload livestock | Unit code updated<br><br>Unit sector code added<br><br>Unit application updated<br><br>Unit title updated<br><br>Performance Criteria clarified<br><br>Foundation Skills added<br><br>Range of Conditions added<br><br>Assessment requirements re-worded for clarity<br><br>Mandatory workplace requirements clarified | Equivalent  |

# Assessment Requirements for AMPLSK206 Unload animals

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## Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has unloaded animals from transport, following safe work procedures and humane animal handling techniques, in a micro or larger meat processing or animal handling premises.

There must also be evidence that the individual has completed two shifts on the job, fulfilling workplace requirements (these shifts may include normal rotations into and out of the relevant work task).

### Mandatory workplace requirements

All performance evidence specified above must be demonstrated in a meat processing premises or an animal handling facility.

## Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- workplace instructions for unloading animals
- normal animal behaviour and movement
- how to handle animals without causing stress, which in turn makes them easier to move
- basic animal behaviour
- the requirement that animals have freedom to act naturally and have access to potable water when being held in pens
- types of animal health treatments that may be required
- common abnormalities and injuries in animals to be unloaded
- causes of animal being 'unfit to load' (as determined by Meat & Livestock Australia)
- animal welfare requirements
- workplace health and safety, animal welfare and biosecurity requirements.

## Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
  - skills must be demonstrated in an animal handling facility or a meat processing premises, at workplace production speed
- resources, equipment and materials:
  - personal protective equipment
  - animals for unloading
- specifications:
  - task-related documents
  - animal welfare requirements
- personnel:
  - access to animal transporter, team members and workplace supervisor or mentor.

Assessment for this unit must include at least three forms of evidence.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

### Mandatory workplace requirements

Mandatory workplace requirements are shown in *italic* text. Refer to the Companion Volume Implementation Guide for further information.

## Link

Companion volumes, including implementation guides, are found on the national training register - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=5e2e56b7-698f-4822-84bb-25adbb8443a7>.