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AHCLSK206 Identify and mark livestock

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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to carry out the identification and marking of livestock.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, work health and safety, animal welfare and biosecurity legislation and codes of practice and sustainability practices.

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.

In addition to legal responsibilities, all units of competency dealing with animals in the AHC Training Package have the requirements for animals to be handled humanely to minimise stress and discomfort.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil.

Unit Sector

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.
1. Prepare to identify and mark animals	1.1 Select and check appropriate equipment for correct operation, and maintain or replace as required 1.2 Select appropriate materials and ensure adequate quantities for required task

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	1.3 Identify, clean and prepare suitable marking sites and facilities 1.4 Prepare and ensure adequate quantities of animal preventative health treatments as instructed 1.5 Identify hazards, control risks as appropriate and report to supervisor 1.6 Select, use and maintain suitable personal protective equipment
2. Identify and mark animals	2.1 Muster animals and identify, draft and move young animals to marking site in readiness for identifying and marking 2.2 Carry out animal identifying and marking operations in line with enterprise animal welfare policies 2.3 Carry out contingency plans as instructed in the event of adverse weather conditions 2.4 Identify environmental implications associated with enterprise operations for identifying and marking animals and report to the supervisor
3. Complete identifying and marking operation	3.1 Keep tally or record animal numbers as required during operations and assist to conduct and record animal counts at completion of tasks 3.2 Prepare animals and move along a planned route without damage to person, livestock, property or environment 3.3 Clean, maintain and store equipment, materials and facilities 3.4 Report equipment faults or malfunctions 3.5 Dispose of animal residues and waste appropriately 3.6 Monitor livestock behaviour and wellbeing post-operations, and mother-up young animals if required 3.7 Apply enterprise biosecurity and environmental policies where required

Foundation Skills

Foundation Skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

Unit Mapping Information

This unit is equivalent to AHCLSK206A Identify and mark livestock

Links

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Assessment Requirements for AHCLSK206 Identify and mark livestock

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Performance Evidence

The candidate must be assessed on their ability to integrate and apply the performance requirements of this unit in a workplace setting. Performance must be demonstrated consistently over time and in a suitable range of contexts.

The candidate must provide evidence that they can:

- identify hazards, control risks and implement safe operating procedures
- prepare and maintain appropriate identifying and marking sites and facilities to industry standards
- handle animals in a safe and humane manner in line with enterprise and industry animal welfare policies
- operate and maintain equipment
- determine identifying and marking methods
- carry out identifying and marking operations
- monitor animal's behaviour post-marking for health and well-being, mother-up animals and their young if required
- apply contingency measures in the event of adverse weather conditions
- tally, count, calculate and record animal numbers during marking operations if required
- demonstrate safe and environmentally responsible workplace practices
- follow enterprise work health and safety policies
- follow enterprise biosecurity and environmental policies as required

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- components and functions of animal handling equipment
- animal marking methods and identification systems
- animal preventative health requirements and procedures
- relevant livestock behaviour
- basic livestock health and nutritional requirements
- environmental codes of practice with regard to animal production

- relevant work health and safety requirements
- relevant animal welfare and biosecurity legislation and codes of practice

Assessment Conditions

Competency is to be assessed in the work place or workplace and simulated environments that accurately reflect performance in a real workplace setting.

Assessors must satisfy current standards for RTOs.

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