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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to move and control alpacas using basic handling methods and procedures.

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 handle alpacas	1.1 Identify, prepare and maintain alpaca handling areas, gates and access routes 1.2 Locate and identify alpacas for handling according to supervisor

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	instructions 1.3 Observe and anticipate behavioural characteristics of alpacas and select appropriate handling methods 1.4 Select, check for soundness and prepare handling equipment 1.5 Identify hazards and report to supervisor 1.6 Recognise hazards to animals and report to supervisor 1.7 Observe site quarantine and other biosecurity protocols 1.8 Select and use suitable personal protective equipment
2. Handle alpacas	2.1 Follow procedures to control and sort alpacas safely and in line with enterprise animal welfare policies 2.2 Classify alpacas according to age, sex and husbandry tasks to be performed 2.3 Carry out restraint procedures with minimum stress and discomfort to alpacas 2.4 Transport alpacas when required according to animal welfare requirements 2.5 Monitor and anticipate alpaca behaviour during moving and handling processes to ensure wellbeing of alpacas and safety of handlers 2.6 Conduct alpaca count record 2.7 Recognise environmental impacts of alpaca handling and husbandry tasks and report to supervisor
3. Carry out alpaca husbandry tasks	3.1 Carry out alpaca husbandry safely and in line with enterprise animal welfare policies 3.2 Identify unhealthy stock and abnormal conditions and behaviour and report 3.3 Provide adequate feed and clean water to stock 3.4 Recognise plants poisonous to alpacas and report to supervisor
4. Complete alpaca handling activities	4.1 Complete alpaca husbandry tasks as instructed, and prepare gates and access routes for alpacas' departure 4.2 Clean and maintain handling areas and equipment and store surplus materials 4.3 Report equipment faults or malfunctions 4.4 Dispose of alpaca residues and waste appropriately 4.5 Record and report relevant information about particular animals and the husbandry tasks performed

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 AHCLSK215A Carry out alpaca handling and husbandry operations

Links

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Assessment Requirements for AHCLSK215 Carry out alpaca handling and husbandry operations

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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 and apply safe work practices
- assess and calculate alpaca numbers
- prepare handling areas, gates and access routes for alpaca movement
- monitor and anticipate alpaca behaviour in handling operations
- identify, sort, move and control alpacas for handling and husbandry operations
- use correct equipment, and calming and humane methods to minimise undue stress and risk to alpacas or handlers
- carry out typical basic alpaca husbandry tasks
- recognise and report signs of unusual behaviour, unhealthy animals or abnormal conditions
- control environmental impacts associated with alpaca handling and husbandry
- feed and provide adequate clean water to alpacas
- identify a range of plants poisonous to alpacas
- provide due care in the handling of alpacas
- read and comprehend oral and written information and instructions and maintaining alpaca handling records
- use enterprise alpaca identification systems
- follow relevant work health and safety requirements
- follow relevant biosecurity requirements
- follow relevant animal welfare practices

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- alpaca behavioural characteristics and movement in handling areas

- classes of alpacas and their basic nutritional and welfare requirements
- components and functions of handling equipment
- enterprise identification systems for alpacas
- environmental codes of practice with regard to alpaca production
- correct handling techniques and restraint methods
- alpaca husbandry procedures and why they are carried out
- regulatory controls relating to the transport of animals on public roads
- 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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