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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to apply animal welfare principles to the handling and husbandry of animals to ensure their welfare.

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 own work. They undertake defined activities and work in a structured context.

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. Identify animal welfare requirements	1.1 Identify legislative, regulatory and industry animal welfare requirements

Element	Performance criteria
	1.2 Identify the principles of animal welfare
2. Comply with animal welfare requirements	2.1 Follow enterprise work health and safety policies 2.2 Carry out animal handling and husbandry activities in compliance with relevant animal welfare codes of practice and workplace requirements 2.3 Recognise animal welfare issues in the workplace and report to supervisor or management 2.4 Take appropriate corrective action as instructed by supervisor 2.5 Complete appropriate record keeping of workplace animal welfare concerns and actions taken as required
3. Participate in animal welfare process	3.1 Participate in workplace or industry animal welfare induction programs and training 3.2 Participate in workplace or industry animal welfare emergency training

Foundation Skills

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

Range of Conditions

Unit Mapping Information

No equivalent unit.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>

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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:

- follow enterprise work health and safety policies
- identify animal welfare requirements in relevant legislation, regulations, codes of practice and workplace procedures
- apply animal welfare principles to animal handling and husbandry activities in compliance with relevant animal welfare codes of practice and workplace requirements
- recognise and report animal welfare issues to supervisor
- participate in workplace or industry animal welfare emergency training

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- relevant animal welfare legislation, regulations and codes of practice
- basic requirements for ensuring the welfare of animals described in the relevant Codes of Practice
- workplace or industry animal welfare procedures and animal emergency procedures
- workplace or industry procedures for reporting and recording animal welfare concerns, non-conformance and malpractice in the workplace
- relevant work health and safety requirements

Assessment Conditions

Competency is to be assessed in the workplace or simulated environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting.

Assessors must satisfy current standards for RTOs.

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