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Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Release 11.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to carry out regular livestock observation.

The 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.

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

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

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Livestock (LSK)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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livestock	where necessary 1.2 Discuss tasks with other workers who may be affected to ensure continued smooth operation of the process 1.3 Prepare and use tools and equipment according to supervisor instructions and safe working practices 1.4 Identify workplace health and safety hazards and report to supervisor 1.5 Select, fit, use and maintain personal protective equipment (PPE) applicable to the task 1.6 Check and report faulty or unsafe tools, equipment or PPE to supervisor
2. Carry out livestock checks	2.1 Check livestock for signs of illness, injuries and abnormalities and report to supervisor 2.2 Handle livestock using good stock handling techniques and according to animal welfare practices 2.3 Carry out all husbandry and handling activities according to animal welfare practices
3. Deal with livestock emergencies	3.1 Follow workplace biosecurity policies as instructed 3.2 Recognise common signs of livestock injury or life-threatening conditions and report to supervisor 3.3 Use basic emergency and livestock first aid procedures until professional help arrives 3.4 Report serious cuts and abrasions to livestock to the supervisor or veterinarian
4. Provide veterinary procedure support	4.1 Treat cuts, abrasions and bruises under instruction from the veterinarian or supervisor 4.2 Examine animals for signs of distress, injury, illness and abnormal behaviours after completing procedures, and report to supervisor 4.3 Apply appropriate treatment as instructed by supervisor or veterinarian

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
Oral communication	• Use clear language to report malfunctions, faults, wear or damage to equipment • Respond to questions and clarify information

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current release	Code and title previous release	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCLSK223 Carry out regular livestock observation	AHCLSK204 Carry out regular livestock observation	Minor changes to application Minor changes to elements and performance criteria Foundation skills added Assessment requirements updated	Equivalent

Links

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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 carried out regular livestock observation on at least two occasions, and has:

- followed relevant workplace health and safety and environment and biosecurity legislation, regulations and workplace procedures
- followed relevant animal welfare practices
- checked livestock regularly
- handled livestock using good stock handling techniques
- identified signs of ill health, injury and abnormality
- identified symptoms of ill health or injury
- dealt efficiently and calmly with livestock emergencies
- completed basic livestock first aid procedures
- reported serious issues or injuries.

Knowledge Evidence

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

- workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for livestock observation, including appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- environment and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices relevant to livestock observation
- principles and practices for livestock observation, including:
 - range of ailments that may occur or affect livestock
 - application of a range of basic treatments under veterinary supervision
 - behaviour of the relevant species
 - good stock handling techniques

- organisation livestock production and management plans
- animal welfare practices relevant to livestock observation.

Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - work instructions and workplace procedures applicable to livestock observation
 - treatments, materials and equipment applicable to livestock observation
 - PPE applicable to livestock observation
 - livestock
- specifications:
 - workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for livestock observation
 - environment and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices applicable to livestock observation
 - legislation, regulations, standards, guidelines and procedures for animal welfare applicable to livestock observation
- relationships:
 - supervisor
- time frames:
 - according to job requirements.

Assessment of this unit must be conducted on live animals.

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

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