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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 safely move, draft and control livestock using basic methods and procedures in an agricultural workplace.

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 work 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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Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Prepare to handle	1.1 Discuss work requirements with supervisor and seek clarification

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livestock	where necessary 1.2 Identify workplace health and safety hazards and report to supervisor 1.3 Select, fit, use and maintain personal protective equipment (PPE) applicable to the task 1.4 Identify, prepare and maintain livestock handling areas, gates and access routes 1.5 Prepare and use handling equipment according to supervisor instructions and safe working practices 1.6 Check and report missing, faulty or unsafe tools, equipment or PPE to supervisor
2. Handle livestock	2.1 Locate and identify livestock for handling 2.2 Observe and anticipate behavioural characteristics of livestock and use appropriate handling methods 2.3 Move livestock to designated handling areas and carry out procedures to control, draft and sort livestock using good stock handling techniques and according to workplace animal welfare practices 2.4 Carry out restraint procedures safely and with minimum stress and discomfort to livestock according to workplace animal welfare practices 2.5 Monitor and anticipate livestock behaviour during moving and drafting processes to ensure wellbeing of livestock and safety of handlers 2.6 Conduct count or tally of livestock numbers and record or report as required 2.7 Identify environmental implications associated with livestock production and report to supervisor
3. Complete handling procedure	3.1 Confirm livestock dispersal plan with supervisor as required 3.2 Prepare gates and access routes for livestock departure 3.3 Move livestock to designated areas using good stock handling techniques 3.4 Ensure adequate clean water and feed at destination 3.5 Dispose of livestock residues and waste according to environmental practices and supervisor instructions

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	3.6 Clean and maintain handling areas and equipment, and store equipment and materials according to supervisor instructions 3.7 Report work outcomes, handling area maintenance requirements, and faults, wear or damage of equipment to supervisor

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 handling area maintenance requirements, and 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
AHCLSK224 Handle livestock using basic techniques	AHCLSK205 Handle livestock using basic techniques	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 handled livestock using basic techniques 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
- prepared handling areas, gates and access routes for livestock movement
- monitored and anticipated livestock behaviour
- recognised workplace livestock identification systems
- identified and drafted livestock during handling operations
- moved and controlled livestock using good stock handling techniques
- minimised undue stress and risk to livestock and handlers
- recognised livestock abnormalities
- assessed, calculated and recorded livestock numbers
- identified and reported the environmental impacts associated with livestock production.

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 handling livestock, including appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- environment and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices relevant to handling livestock
- principles and practices for handling livestock, including:
 - livestock behavioural characteristics and movement in handling areas
 - components and functions of handling equipment

- good stock handling techniques and restraint methods
- workplace livestock identification systems
- environmental impacts associated with livestock production
- relevant animal welfare practices.

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 handling livestock
 - treatments, materials and equipment applicable to handling livestock
 - PPE applicable to handling livestock
 - livestock
- specifications:
 - workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for handling livestock
 - environment and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices applicable to handling livestock
 - legislation, regulations, standards, guidelines and procedures for animal welfare applicable to handling livestock
- 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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