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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 load and unload animals for transport.

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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equipment for sound working conditions	with supervisor 1.2 Prepare and use loading facilities and equipment according to supervisor instructions and safe working practices 1.3 Identify workplace health and safety hazards and report to supervisor 1.4 Select, fit, use and maintain personal protective equipment (PPE) applicable to task 1.5 Check and report faulty or unsafe work site, facilities, equipment or PPE to supervisor 1.6 Carry out or organise repairs and maintenance of facilities and equipment required for loading or unloading livestock where necessary according to supervisor instructions
2. Load animals	2.1 Identify, yard or secure animals using good stock handling techniques and according to workplace animal welfare practices 2.2 Inspect animals for signs of ill health, injury or abnormal behaviours and separate animals unsuitable for transport 2.3 Prepare animals for transport 2.4 Record identification details of animals and fit individual animal tags as required 2.5 Plan, count, record and load livestock using good stock handling techniques according to workplace animal welfare practices 2.6 Complete vendor declarations and any other required documentation
3. Unload animals	3.1 Unload livestock using good stock handling techniques and according to workplace animal welfare practices 3.2 Record numbers and individual identification details of livestock 3.3 Inspect livestock for signs of ill health, injury or abnormal behaviours and report to appropriate persons 3.4 Check documentation and reach agreement on condition of animals with the receiving or dispatching party where required
4. Perform appropriate animal health procedure	4.1 Sort stock, and separate distressed, injured or ill livestock as required 4.2 Administer animal health treatments off truck as instructed 4.3 Feed and water animals as directed

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	4.4 Apply workplace biosecurity policies where required

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
Writing	Use clear language, accurate industry terminology and logical structure to complete vendor declarations and documentation
Oral communication	- Use clear language to report malfunctions, faults, wear or damage to work site, facilities and equipment - Respond to questions and clarify information

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current release	Code and title previous release	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCLSK226 Load and unload livestock	AHCLSK207 Load and unload livestock	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 loaded and unloaded livestock on at least one occasion, and has:

- followed relevant workplace health and safety and environment and biosecurity legislation, regulations and workplace procedures
- followed relevant animal welfare practices
- handled livestock using good stock handling techniques
- checked loading facilities for correct operation and hazards to animals and workers
- sorted livestock as required and separated unsuitable animals for transport
- loaded and unloaded livestock
- anticipated animal behaviour
- provided and maintained appropriate animal feed and water
- completed relevant documentation and affixed individual tags as required
- monitored animal health and welfare
- calculated livestock numbers, feed and water requirements.

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 loading and unloading livestock, including appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- environment and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices relevant to loading and unloading livestock
- principles and practices for loading and unloading livestock, including:
 - good stock handling techniques
 - basic animal health and nutritional requirements

- animal herding and flocking behaviour
- types of animal health treatments that may be required
- common diseases and injuries in livestock
- common abnormal livestock behaviours
- causes of livestock being unfit for transport
- legislative documentation requirements for livestock transport
- animal welfare practices relevant to loading and unloading livestock.

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 loading and unloading livestock
 - facilities, materials and equipment applicable to loading and unloading livestock
 - PPE applicable to loading and unloading livestock
 - livestock
- specifications:
 - workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for loading and unloading livestock
 - environment and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices applicable to loading and unloading livestock
 - legislation, regulations, standards, guidelines and procedures for animal welfare applicable to loading and unloading livestock
- relationships:
 - supervisor, receiving or dispatching party
- 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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