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Modification History

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

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 alpaca handling and husbandry operations 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
- assessed and calculated alpaca numbers
- prepared handling areas, gates and access routes for alpaca movement
- monitored and anticipated alpaca behaviour in handling operations
- identified, sorted, moved and controlled alpacas for handling and husbandry operations
- used correct equipment, and calming and humane methods, to minimise undue stress and risk to alpacas or handlers
- carried out typical basic alpaca husbandry tasks
- recognised and reported signs of unusual behaviour, unhealthy animals or abnormal conditions
- controlled environmental impacts associated with alpaca handling and husbandry
- fed and provided adequate clean water to alpacas
- identified a range of plants poisonous to alpacas
- provided due care in the handling of alpacas
- read and comprehended oral and written information and instructions and maintained alpaca handling records
- used workplace alpaca identification systems.

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 alpaca handling and husbandry operations, including appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- environment and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices relevant to alpaca handling and husbandry operations
- principles and practices for alpaca handling and husbandry operations, including:
 - alpaca behavioural characteristics and movement in handling areas
 - classes of alpacas and their basic nutritional and welfare requirements
 - components and functions of handling equipment
 - workplace identification systems for alpacas
 - environmental impacts associated with 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
 - animal welfare practices relevant to alpaca handling and husbandry operations.

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

Links

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