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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 move and control alpacas using basic handling methods and procedures.

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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1. Prepare to handle alpacas	1.1 Discuss work requirements with supervisor and seek clarification 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 alpaca 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 1.7 Locate and identify alpacas for handling according to supervisor instructions 1.8 Observe and anticipate behavioural characteristics of alpacas and use appropriate handling methods 1.9 Follow site biosecurity procedures as instructed to minimise the risk of disease
2. Handle alpacas	2.1 Follow procedures to control and sort alpacas safely according to workplace animal welfare practices 2.2 Classify alpacas according to age, sex and husbandry tasks to be performed 2.3 Carry out restraint procedures safely with minimum stress and discomfort to alpacas according to workplace animal welfare practices 2.4 Transport alpacas when required according to animal welfare practices 2.5 Monitor and anticipate alpaca behaviour during moving and handling processes to ensure wellbeing of alpacas and safety of handlers 2.6 Conduct count of alpaca and record or report as required 2.7 Identify environmental implications associated with alpaca handling and husbandry tasks and report to supervisor
3. Carry out alpaca husbandry tasks	3.1 Carry out alpaca husbandry safely according to workplace animal welfare practices 3.2 Identify unhealthy stock and abnormal conditions and behaviour

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	and report to supervisor 3.3 Provide adequate feed and clean water to stock 3.4 Recognise plants poisonous to alpacas and report to supervisor
4. Complete alpaca handling activities	4.1 Complete alpaca husbandry tasks as instructed, and prepare gates and access routes for alpaca departure 4.2 Dispose of alpaca residues and waste according to environmental practices and supervisor instructions 4.3 Clean and maintain handling areas and equipment and store equipment and materials according to supervisor instructions 4.4 Report work outcomes, handling area maintenance requirements, and faults, wear or damage of equipment to supervisor 4.5 Record and report relevant information about particular animals and the husbandry tasks performed

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 record alpaca details and husbandry tasks
Oral communication	- Use clear language to report alpaca handling and husbandry tasks, and malfunctions, faults, wear or damage to equipment - Respond to questions and clarify information
Numeracy	Interpret basic mathematical information in charts, tables or workplace documents

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current release	Code and title previous release	Comments	Equivalence status

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Links

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Assessment Requirements for AHCLSK232 Carry out alpaca handling and husbandry operations

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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 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.

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