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Assessment Requirements for AHCLSK237 Brand livestock

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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 branded at least five livestock 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 and hygiene practices
- handled livestock using good stock handling techniques, including techniques required to safely restrain livestock for branding
- cleaned, maintained, prepared and operated branding equipment
- determined location of branding
- applied correct timing and techniques to ensure the brand is legible, lasting and clear
- applied branding using safe techniques according to animal welfare requirements
- monitored animal behaviour and welfare post-branding
- recorded and reported animal numbers during and on completion of branding operations.

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 branding livestock, including appropriate hygiene, use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- environment and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices relevant to branding livestock
- principles and practices for branding livestock, including:
 - functions of livestock branding equipment
 - types of livestock branding techniques, including hot branding, freeze branding, tattoo branding and paint branding
 - location of branding on livestock, including cross-branding

- relevant regulations and legislation for branding livestock for identification
- awareness of common livestock behaviour and body language during branding
- first aid procedures and livestock pain relief relating to branding
- good stock handling techniques
- animal welfare practices relevant to branding 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 branding livestock
 - tools, materials and equipment applicable to branding livestock
 - PPE applicable to branding livestock
 - livestock
- specifications:
 - workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for identifying and branding livestock
 - environment and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices applicable to identifying and branding livestock
 - regulations and legislation applicable to branding livestock for identification, noting branding requirements vary between jurisdictions
 - legislation, regulations, standards, guidelines and procedures for animal welfare applicable to identifying and branding 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.

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -
<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>