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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 identify and brand livestock.

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 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 brand livestock	1.1 Discuss work requirements with supervisor and seek clarification where necessary 1.2 Clean and prepare branding equipment and materials according to

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	supervisor instructions and safe work 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 equipment, materials or PPE to supervisor
2. Identify and brand livestock	2.1 Move livestock using good stock handling techniques in readiness for branding 2.2 Assess and control risks prior to carrying out branding activity 2.3 Use good stock handling techniques to restrain livestock for safety of animal, handler and branding officer 2.4 Identify location on animal for applying brand according to workplace requirements 2.5 Apply correct timing and techniques required to achieve a legible and lasting brand 2.6 Brand livestock according to safe workplace practices and animal welfare requirements
3. Complete branding operation	3.1 Record and report animal numbers during and on completion of operations according to supervisor instructions 3.2 Prepare and move animals away from branding area to a suitable recovery area, along a planned route using good stock handling techniques 3.3 Mother-up young livestock where required as soon as possible once branding is completed 3.4 Clean, maintain and store branding equipment according to supervisor instructions 3.5 Return materials to store and dispose of waste according to workplace environment and biosecurity policies and procedures 3.6 Report work outcomes, and faults, wear or damage of equipment to supervisor 3.7 Monitor livestock behaviour and welfare post-branding

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 branding operations
Oral communication	- Use clear language to report animal numbers, and faults, wear or damage to equipment, and livestock health and welfare issues - Respond to questions and clarify information

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current release	Code and title previous release	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCLSK237 Brand livestock	Not applicable	The unit has been created to address an emerging skill or task required by industry	Newly created

Links

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Assessment Requirements for AHCLSK237 Brand livestock

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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 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.

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