



Australian Government

AHCLSK325 Castrate livestock

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Modification History

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1	AHCv1.0	Initial release

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to castrate young animals.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, work health and safety, animal welfare and biosecurity legislation and codes of practice and sustainability practices.

This unit applies to individuals who work under broad direction and take responsibility for their own work. They complete routine activities and work in a range of known contexts.

All units of competency dealing with animals in the AHC Training Package have the requirements for animals to be handled humanely to minimise stress and discomfort.

No occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements are known to apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil.

Unit Sector

Livestock (LSK)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Element	Performance criteria
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Prepare for animal castration	1.1 Interpret work to be undertaken from work program where necessary, and confirm with management 1.2 Hold discussions with other workers who may be affected by the activities to ensure continued smooth operation of the production process 1.3 Identify work health and safety hazards, assess risks, and

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	implement suitable controls 1.4 Select, use and maintain suitable personal protective equipment 1.5 Hygienically clean castration area to minimise the risk of infection 1.6 Select and assemble equipment, instruments and resources needed for castration operations, ensuring adequate supplies of consumables 1.7 Separate male animals as required to facilitate ease of handling and to minimise stress and in compliance with animal welfare codes
2. Castrate animals	2.1 Select, catch and restrain individual animals using industry standard techniques 2.2 Check animals for health and soundness according to organisation guidelines 2.3 Castrate restrained animals in a humane and hygienic manner according to organisational guidelines, industry standards, and the relevant of animal welfare codes of practice 2.4 Complete records as instructed by organisational guidelines
3. Complete hygiene and administration activities	3.1 Remove all debris, waste material and animal residues from the site and dispose of in an environmentally aware and safe manner according to organisation work procedures 3.2 Hygienically clean, maintain and store instruments and equipment according to organisation work procedures 3.3 Maintain a clean and safe area throughout and on completion of work 3.4 Document work outcomes and report to the supervisor where appropriate according to organisation work procedures
4. Monitor castrates	4.1 Move animals from yard to pasture as soon as practical with minimal stress to reduce risk of infection 4.2 Monitor animals to identify post-castration complications 4.3 Identify and treat animals exhibiting signs of ill health or infection

Foundation Skills

Foundation Skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

Unit Mapping Information

This unit is equivalent to AHCLSK325A Castrate livestock

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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