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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 planned, prepared and conducted mulesing procedures on at least one occasion, and has:

- applied relevant workplace health and safety and environment and biosecurity legislation, regulations and workplace procedures
- recognised and reported workplace health and safety hazards and used safe work practices
- applied relevant animal welfare practices
- assessed alternative strategies and confirmed key indicators for the use of mulesing
- identified optimal conditions for carrying out mulesing procedures
- conducted pre-operative evaluation of lambs submitted for mulesing procedures and risk assessment in consultation with sheep manager
- prepared appropriate sites, facilities and equipment in line with infection control, work health and safety and animal welfare standards including pain management according to industry standards and legislative requirements
- handled livestock using good stock handling techniques
- carried out mulesing operations according to industry recognised best practice mulesing techniques and hygiene standards
- followed appropriate procedures and label directions to provide pain relief and insecticide dressing as required
- monitored animal behaviour post-mulesing for health and wellbeing, including the ability to recognise signs of post-mulesing complications
- communicated post-mulesing management requirements to sheep manager
- documented and maintained mulesing records.

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 planning, preparing and conducting mulesing procedures, including appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- environment and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices relevant to planning, preparing and conducting mulesing procedures
- principles and practices for planning, preparing and conducting mulesing procedures, including:
 - animal welfare practices relevant to planning, preparing and conducting mulesing procedures
 - relevant codes of practice and industry standards for mulesing
 - reasons and requirements for mulesing in sheep
 - body condition scoring (BCS), breech wrinkle scoring (BRWR) and breech cover scoring (BCOV) in lambs and adult sheep
 - methods and strategies of flystrike control
 - effects of weather, environmental, facility, flock, individual animal and human factors on mulesing operations
 - use and maintenance of materials and equipment for mulesing
 - principles and maintenance of hygiene in mulesing operations
 - methods and techniques for handling and restraint of adult sheep and lambs
 - use of pain relief and insecticide treatment in mulesing procedures
 - anatomy and external features of sheep
 - health and animal welfare implications of post-mulesing complications in sheep
 - signs of ill health and related management strategies in sheep
 - use of and regulatory considerations for the use of disinfectants
 - good stock handling techniques
 - relevant care, husbandry and management strategies for sheep flocks
 - relevant legislation, regulations and codes of practice, including veterinary practitioner and surgeons Acts, stock diseases and waste disposal, agricultural and veterinary chemical use.

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 planning, preparing and conducting mulesing procedures
 - equipment and materials applicable to planning, preparing and conducting mulesing procedures
 - PPE applicable to planning, preparing and conducting mulesing procedures

- lambs requiring mulesing
- ewes
- specifications:
 - workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for planning, preparing and conducting mulesing procedures
 - environment and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices applicable to planning, preparing and conducting mulesing procedures
 - legislation, regulations, standards, guidelines and procedures for animal welfare applicable to planning, preparing and conducting mulesing procedures
 - industry standards, regulations, legislation and codes of practice and procedures for planning, preparing and conducting mulesing procedures
 - legislation, regulations and codes of practice, including veterinary practitioner and surgeons Acts relevant to planning, preparing and conducting mulesing procedures
- relationships:
 - skilled workers
- 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>