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Modification History

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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 care for shorn livestock.

The unit applies to individuals who work under broad direction and take responsibility for their own work, including limited responsibility for the work of others. They use discretion and judgement in the selection and use of available resources.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety, biosecurity, environmental sustainability, and animal welfare regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.

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. Monitor weather conditions	1.1 Monitor weather during and after shearing operations, and revise work programs in response to changing weather conditions

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	1.2 Identify adverse weather conditions and assess and report the likely impacts on livestock, feed and property 1.3 Determine the appropriate actions required to minimise loss or damage to livestock during adverse weather conditions
2. Assess and monitor livestock condition	2.1 Assess and record livestock condition and health status 2.2 Identify and report abnormal behaviour or evidence of sickness 2.3 Determine and provide water and feed requirements for livestock, and arrange supplementary feeding as required 2.4 Apply workplace animal welfare practices and biosecurity policies
3. Maintain livestock environment	3.1 Maintain livestock yards and facilities so that they are clean, secure and safe 3.2 Maintain suitable shelter for shorn livestock to prevent losses 3.3 Identify hazards and risks, and implement safe working practices to manage risks
4. Complete post-shearing operations	4.1 Monitor and control environmental implications associated with shearing activities 4.2 Clean shearing facilities and equipment and dispose of waste according to workplace, work health and safety (WHS) and biosecurity procedures 4.3 Record relevant post-shearing information and report to appropriate personnel

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	Address all post-shearing information, incorporating vocabulary, grammatical structure and conventions appropriate to text and audience
Oral communication	Use clear language and industry terminology to relay information pertaining to post-shearing procedures

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current release	Code and title previous release	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCLSK373 Carry out post-shearing procedures	AHCSHG306 Carry out post-shearing procedures	Unit sector updated Changes to performance criteria for clarification Foundation skills information added Changes to performance evidence to specify volume and frequency Knowledge evidence specificity added, and other wording clarified Assessment conditions clarified	Equivalent

Links

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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 post-shearing procedures on at least one occasion, and has:

- applied relevant work health and safety and environment and biosecurity legislation, regulations and workplace procedures
- applied relevant animal welfare practices
- identified work health and safety hazards and used safe work practices
- recorded and reported relevant post-shearing information.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the 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 carrying out post-shearing procedures
- environment, work health and safety (WHS) and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices relevant to carrying out post-shearing procedures
- impacts of wet, dry, cold and hot weather conditions on shorn livestock
- physiological conditions brought on by stress post-shearing, and treatment of same
- types and constructs of livestock shelter
- livestock handling techniques in response to adverse weather
- condition scoring
- appropriate types of feed for stressed livestock
- animal welfare practices and requirements applicable to post-shearing procedures.

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:
 - equipment and materials applicable to post-shearing procedures
 - animals for shearing
- relationships:
 - shearing and wool harvesting staff.

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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