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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to develop and implement preventative health treatment and welfare strategies for 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 take personal responsibility and exercise autonomy in undertaking complex work. They analyse design and communicate solutions to sometimes complex problems.

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. Develop health and welfare strategies for livestock	1.1 Monitor livestock condition and identify risks to health and welfare relevant to the workplace and local environment 1.2 Develop and document a livestock health and welfare strategy 1.3 Identify and arrange facilities and equipment required to implement health and welfare strategy 1.4 Inform staff details of health and welfare strategy, treatment schedules, work health and safety issues

Element	Performance criteria
2. Implement health strategy	2.1 Plan and administer treatment according to veterinary guidelines, legislative requirements, and animal welfare codes of practice 2.2 Refer complex problems or signs of disease for specialist advice and treatment 2.3 Carry out control measures as required to prevent the spread of communicable diseases 2.4 Implement procedures for reporting notifiable diseases according to legislative requirements
3. Manage livestock health and welfare	3.1 Integrate requirements of the regulations and animal welfare code of practice into the health and welfare strategy and workplace procedures 3.2 Analyse and evaluate health and welfare records 3.3 Ensure compliance with withholding periods for treatments 3.4 Evaluate livestock post-treatment for evidence of treatment effectiveness and any further health problems 3.5 Review treatment outcomes and evaluate processes for effective management planning and best practice 3.6 Evaluate animal health, biosecurity and emergency procedures in a review of the animal health and welfare strategy 3.7 Maintain records for health and welfare strategy

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 AHCLSK504A Develop livestock health and welfare strategies

Links

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Performance Evidence

The candidate must be assessed on their ability to integrate and apply the performance requirements of this unit in a workplace setting. Performance must be demonstrated consistently over time and in a suitable range of contexts.

The candidate must provide evidence that they can:

- identify livestock diseases relevant to the workplace and local environment
- develop prevention and treatment strategies for diseases
- implement a proactive risk management approach to managing animal health and welfare
- implement health and welfare strategies appropriate to the livestock species
- calculate dose rates and schedule treatments
- implement and monitor relevant work health and safety requirements
- implement and monitor relevant biosecurity and animal welfare practices

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- livestock health and abnormalities
- preventative health strategies
- principles of genetic resistance and immunity
- contingency and operational planning
- relevant animal welfare legislation, regulations and codes of practice
- relevant environmental protection legislation and codes of practice
- treatment applications, handling and consequences of their use
- relevant quarantine, biosecurity and emergency legislation, codes of practices and procedures
- relevant work health and safety legislative requirements

Assessment Conditions

Competency is to be assessed in the work place or simulated environments that accurately reflect performance in a real workplace setting.

Assessors must satisfy current standards for RTOs.

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