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AHCPLY202 Maintain health and welfare of poultry

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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to maintain poultry health and welfare.

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 general supervision and exercise limited autonomy with some accountability for own work. They undertake defined activities and work in a structured context.

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

Poultry (PLY)

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. Monitor and assess poultry health and welfare	1.1 Maintain biosecurity protocols and quarantine procedures at all times 1.2 Follow enterprise work health and safety policies 1.3 Check poultry health and welfare regularly 1.4 Recognise and report signs of ill health, common diseases, parasite infestations and physical abnormalities 1.5 Identify cull birds using criteria established by the enterprise or

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	industry quality assurance program 1.6 Record flock health status
2. Provide an optimal environment for poultry	2.1 Check bird housing conditions to ensure that protection is provided from external factors that compromise poultry health and welfare 2.2 Monitor, maintain and operate temperature and humidity control equipment 2.3 Install equipment and housing infrastructure appropriately 2.4 Monitor welfare of poultry and report non-compliance with animal welfare codes promptly 2.5 Record information which is relevant to the welfare and health of stock
3. Administer medicines or other chemicals	3.1 Store labelled veterinary chemicals or other medicines appropriately 3.2 Carry out routine prevention procedures for disease agents and parasites 3.3 Handle and measure medicines and chemicals safely and appropriately for administration 3.4 Medicate poultry appropriately as instructed or under supervision where required 3.5 Complete required documentation and records for administration of medicines and chemicals
4. Collect samples for analysis	4.1 Take swabs from surfaces and work areas regularly and prepare swabs for laboratory testing 4.2 Label and pack swabs and samples for dispatch appropriately
5. Remove non-viable poultry	5.1 Identify and remove sick, injured or unthrifty poultry in line with enterprise animal welfare policies 5.2 Treat sick poultry 5.3 Provide post-mortem assistance where necessary
6. Report and complete records	6.1 Report individual bird and flock health status promptly so that prevention strategies can be planned and implemented 6.2 Complete all required documentation and records clearly, promptly and accurately, and store appropriately

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 AHCPLY202A Maintain health and welfare of poultry.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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

Assessment Requirements for AHCPLY202 Maintain health and welfare of poultry

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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:

- monitor and assess poultry health and welfare
- provide an optimal environment for poultry
- administer medicines or other chemicals
- collect samples for analysis
- remove non-viable poultry
- report and complete records
- follow enterprise work health and safety policies
- follow biosecurity protocols
- follow enterprise animal welfare policies

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- relevant regulatory requirements, codes of practice, industry standards and enterprise procedures for biosecurity and quarantine
- relevant regulatory requirements, codes of practice, industry standards and enterprise procedures for animal welfare of poultry
- signs of health, signs of ill health, and methods for assessing poultry health and welfare
- common diseases of poultry, treatment regimes, prevention and management strategies
- criteria for determining birds to be culled
- relevant documentation, records and reports that are required
- types, functions and characteristics of housing, housing infrastructure and housing equipment for poultry, and the criteria and methods for determining that they are in working condition

- types, uses, handling, storage and routes of administration of commonly used veterinary medicines and chemicals
- procedures for taking, handling, labelling, packing and transporting swab samples
- procedures for assisting a post-mortem examination
- effects and impacts of individual bird health and welfare on flock health status and vice versa
- relevant work health and safety requirements and environmental policies

Assessment Conditions

Competency is to be assessed in the workplace or workplace and simulated environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting.

Assessors must satisfy current standards for RTOs.

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