



Australian Government

AHCPLY203 Set up shed for placement of day-old chickens

Release: 2

AHCPLY203 Set up shed for placement of day-old chickens

Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 2	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 2.0.
Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 1.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to set up shed for placement of day-old chickens.

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
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Prepare to work in poultry shed	1.1 Follow biosecurity procedures 1.2 Confirm work to be undertaken from work program and management

Element	Performance criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
	1.3 Follow enterprise work health and safety policies 1.4 Select, use and maintain suitable personal protective equipment 1.5 Select, check and maintain tools and equipment
2. Check and maintain shed and equipment	2.1 Check biosecurity procedures are in place to prevent entry of pathogens on personnel and equipment 2.2 Check shed and all equipment are clean, sanitised to required standards and maintained in working condition 2.3 Check that pest and vermin controls are in place, and maintain if required 2.4 Ensure that rodent barriers are in place and working 2.5 Operate and check lights, time switches and shed equipment
3. Prepare shed	3.1 Spread or place litter/paper as per enterprise procedures 3.2 Ensure litter/paper is clean & dry 3.3 Setup feeders, drinkers, heaters and other equipment in shed 3.4 Ensure that bird wires are in place and working 3.5 Install brooder curtains if required 3.6 Test watering, feeding, ventilation and cooling systems 3.7 Check and adjust lighting levels for day old chicks 3.8 Reset or adjust shed climate management system if required 3.9 Test alarm systems and time switches 3.10 Test brooders for proper operation and temperature control 3.11 Adjust time clocks 3.12 Install additional drinkers if required 3.13 Install additional feeders or lay paper & spread feed on it as required 3.14 Start heaters prior to chick placement to ensure brooding section is at required temperature for chick placement
4. Place chicks	4.1 Check that feed, water and shed conditions are adequate 4.2 Check shed and litter are at required temperatures 4.3 Carry chick containers safely and gently remove chickens from boxes and place on litter or paper

Element	Performance criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
	4.4 Check chick behaviour and health regularly after placement in line with enterprise animal welfare policies
5. Complete hygiene and administration activities	5.1 Clean and sanitise containers and equipment as required 5.2 Dispose of waste in line with enterprise environmental policies 5.3 Complete required records and documentation promptly and accurately

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.

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

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCPLY203 Set up shed for placement of day-old chickens Release 2	AHCPLY203 Set up shed for placement of day-old chickens Release 1	Minor typographical errors corrected	Equivalent unit

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>

Assessment Requirements for AHCPLY203 Set up shed for placement of day-old chickens

Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 2	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 2.0.
Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 1.0.

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:

- make preparations to work in poultry sheds
- check cleanliness of shed and equipment
- check and maintain shed and equipment
- check pest and vermin controls are in place
- prepare shed (spread litter or place paper, setup feeders, drinkers, adjust time clocks)
- place day old chicks
- check chick behaviour
- complete hygiene and administration activities
- follow enterprise work health and safety policies
- follow biosecurity procedures
- follow enterprise animal welfare and environmental policies.

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- relevant regulatory requirements, codes of practice, industry standards and enterprise procedures for biosecurity
- relevant animal welfare requirements and practices for poultry and day old chicks
- types, uses, cleaning and maintenance of suitable equipment, tools, machinery and personal protective equipment
- types, characteristics, cleaning and maintenance of poultry sheds
- commonly used methods of pest and vermin control

- types, characteristics and maintenance of bird wires and rodent barriers
- lighting systems, time switches, alarm systems, brooders, watering systems, feeding systems, ventilation systems and fogging systems, and methods for determining that they are in working condition
- requirements of day old chicks to ensure their health and welfare
- behavioural signs of health and methods for assessing health and welfare in day old chicks
- types, characteristics, uses and maintenance of litter for poultry
- biosecurity requirements for brooding and rearing chickens
- relevant environmental and sustainability requirements, and procedures for disposal and management of wastes
- relevant documentation and records that are required
- relevant work health and safety requirements.

Assessment Conditions

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

Assessors must satisfy current standards for RTOs.

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -

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