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AHCPLY206 Catch and load poultry

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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to catch, handle and load poultry for transfer to new facilities or processing plant. Poultry can be meat chickens, layer or breeder pullets or spent hens.

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. Prepare to catch or pick up poultry	1.1 Follow biosecurity procedures 1.2 Confirm and identify sheds, flocks and bird numbers to be caught and loaded 1.3 Identify work health and safety hazards, assess risks and implement suitable controls 1.4 Select, use and maintain suitable personal protective equipment

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	1.5 Dim lights and set ventilation and cooling appropriately 1.6 Raise feeders, drinkers, nests and perches as required 1.7 Check and ensure that catching, movement path and vehicle loading area is clear of all obstacles 1.8 Set up catching equipment according to age, stock type and production system 1.9 Select, use and maintain tools and equipment 1.10 Follow relevant work health and safety and animal welfare procedures
2. Catch or pick up poultry	2.1 Quietly and calmly move birds into catching area 2.2 Catch and handle birds gently and calmly 2.3 Place birds in crates/modules according to space or weight requirements 2.4 Check birds regularly for overheating and smothering 2.5 Move crates/modules and load onto vehicle gently and calmly
3. Complete hygiene and administration activities	3.1 Clean, sanitise, maintain and appropriately store equipment and tools 3.2 Dispose of waste and debris in line with enterprise environmental procedures 3.3 Complete required records and documentation promptly and accurately

Foundation Skills

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

Range of Conditions

Unit Mapping Information

New unit - No equivalent.

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 AHCPLY206 Catch and load 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:

- follow biosecurity requirements
- identify flocks or shed to be caught
- make preparations for catching
- set up shed and catching area
- catch and handle poultry gently, quietly and calmly
- load birds into crates/modules according to space or weight requirements
- complete hygiene and administration requirements
- follow work health and safety procedures
- follow biosecurity procedures
- follow animal welfare procedures

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- relevant work health and safety requirements
- relevant biosecurity requirements
- relevant animal welfare requirements and practices
- types, uses, cleaning and maintenance of equipment, tools, machinery and personal protective equipment required
- techniques and methods for handling, catching, placing into containers and loading poultry
- how to assess poultry condition and welfare including overheating and smothering
- relevant environmental requirements, and procedures for disposal and management of wastes, debris and fluids
- relevant documentation and records that are required

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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