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Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 9.0.

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 safely and effectively cared for at least three different groups of poultry over a period of at least five days. Each group must include at least 20 birds.

For each group, the individual must have, according to enterprise requirements:

- identified and applied enterprise health and safety, animal welfare, infection control, biosecurity and environmental protection procedures related to working with poultry
- followed personal hygiene requirements
- identified at least three different hazards, and assessed and controlled associated risks
- selected, checked and correctly fitted appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)
- maintained poultry environments, including:
 - checked and/or adjusted ventilation or temperature or humidity controls as required
 - cleaned feeding and watering equipment
 - maintained feed and water availability
 - checked for pests, vermin and/or predators and implemented controls if required
- monitored poultry health and welfare, and identified signs of ill health or injury
- taken and labelled swabs from at least two different work surfaces
- accurately completed poultry health records.

The individual must also have treated at least one group of 20 birds, including:

- caught and handled birds for inspection and/or weighing
- used appropriate techniques and location to administer treatments
- safely handled and stored materials used for treatments according to enterprise health, safety, environmental and biosecurity requirements
- documented all treatments provided according to enterprise requirements.

In addition to the above, the individual must have, according to enterprise procedures:

- used enterprise criteria to identify at least three cull birds
- isolated at least one bird showing signs of illness
- removed at least one dead bird.

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:

- key features of state/territory legislation, regulations and codes of practice for worker health and safety, animal welfare, biosecurity, quarantine and environment protection that apply to providing health care for poultry
- enterprise procedures and requirements for worker health and safety, animal welfare, biosecurity, quarantine and environment protection that apply to providing health care for poultry
- hazard identification, risk assessment and controls to minimise risks when checking and treating poultry
- signs of common poultry ill health, diseases and injuries, including:
 - abnormal feather loss
 - abnormal breathing
 - weight loss
 - general inactivity or lethargy
 - discharges from eyes
 - dull or closed eyes
 - dirty vent
 - warm, swollen and cracked feet
- poultry ill health treatment and management strategies
- poultry health and welfare assessment methods
- safe and low stress techniques for handling and restraining poultry, including injured and ill birds
- typical industry criteria for determining birds to be culled
- common types, features, functions and operational checks of enclosures, infrastructure and equipment used to house poultry
- 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
- enterprise procedures for disposal and management of waste, including biosecurity and environmental requirements
- zoonoses that transfer between poultry and humans
- regulatory and enterprise documentation, records and reports required for poultry health care.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a commercial poultry site or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live poultry specified in performance evidence
 - poultry production infrastructure, materials, resources, tools and equipment, including PPE
 - safety data sheets
- specifications:
 - enterprise procedures for poultry care, health and welfare, worker health and safety, and biosecurity activities
- timeframes:
 - the five days specified in the performance evidence can be consecutive or non-consecutive.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

Links

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