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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 efficiently prepared a shed or part thereof to receive and acclimatise at least two groups of poultry. The groups can be one or more of the following:

- day old birds
- point of lay birds
- mature birds.

Each group must include at least 20 birds, and 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 setting up a poultry shed and handling poultry
- identified age and quantity of poultry to be housed and their specific requirements
- 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)
- checked, cleaned and sanitised shed or part thereof and related work surfaces
- checked shed tools and equipment are operational, clean and sanitised
- checked for pests, vermin and/or predators and implemented controls if required
- prepared shed or part thereof specifically to meet health and welfare needs of incoming group of poultry, including:
 - prepared cages or floor surfaces, including litter or paper if required
 - set up, tested and adjusted feeders and drinkers prior to and after arrival of poultry
 - set up and adjusted lighting, temperature and ventilation equipment prior to and after arrival of poultry
- used safe manual handling and low stress bird handling techniques to move poultry and place them in housing environment

- checked poultry behaviour and health to ensure successful transition to new housing
- accurately completed records and/or reports.

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, and environment protection that apply to caring for poultry
- enterprise procedures and requirements for worker health and safety, animal welfare, biosecurity and environment protection that apply to caring for poultry
- hazard identification, risk assessment and controls to minimise risks when setting up sheds for and moving poultry
- types, uses, cleaning and maintenance of suitable equipment, tools, machinery and personal protective equipment used to prepare sheds for poultry
- poultry shed structures, including their cleaning and maintenance requirements
- commonly used methods of pest, vermin and predator control in and around sheds used for poultry
- types, characteristics and maintenance of bird wires and rodent barriers
- key features and operational checks of lighting systems, time switches, alarm systems, brooders, watering systems, feeding systems, ventilation systems and fogging systems used in poultry sheds
- safe and low stress techniques for handling poultry
- health and welfare requirements for poultry
- behavioural signs of health and methods for assessing health and welfare of poultry
- types, characteristics, uses and maintenance of litter and other bedding materials used for poultry
- enterprise procedures for disposal and management of waste, including biosecurity and environmental requirements
- 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 shed or part thereof, 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 for the activities.

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>