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AHCPRK201 Care for health and welfare of pigs

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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to care for the health and welfare of pigs. This unit applies to workers in pork production enterprises operating under routine supervision.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, work health and safety, animal welfare and biosecurity legislation and codes, 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

Pork (PRK)

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. Check and assess pig health and welfare	1.1 Check pig health and welfare regularly 1.2 Recognise and report signs of ill health, diseases, parasite infestations and physical abnormalities 1.3 Record pig health and welfare status 1.4 Seek immediate advice where signs indicate an unusual disease

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2. Provide an optimal environment for pigs	2.1 Operate and check temperature and other environment control equipment where appropriate 2.2 Record relevant information on shed environmental conditions
3. Establish and maintain hygiene	3.1 Use and maintain personal protective equipment, and follow work health and safety procedures 3.2 Follow biosecurity procedures 3.3 Follow personal hygiene practices 3.4 Clean work areas, machines and surfaces appropriately 3.5 Remove and dispose of all waste and debris appropriately in line with enterprise environmental policies
4. Administer medication to pigs	4.1 Store labelled vaccines, veterinary medicines and other chemicals appropriately as directed 4.2 Carry out routine disease or parasite prevention procedures 4.3 Measure and administer medication under supervision 4.4 Administer vaccines as required, and identify pigs that have been vaccinated 4.5 Complete required documentation and records for administration of vaccines, medicines and chemicals
5. Remove dead or non-viable pigs	5.1 Dispose of dead pigs appropriately 5.2 Recognise, report and carry out appropriate procedures for unhealthy or non-viable pigs 5.3 Provide post-mortem assistance where necessary
6. Report and complete records	6.1 Complete all required documentation and records of diseases, pig losses and treatments clearly, promptly and accurately 6.2 Report to enterprise where relevant so that prevention strategies can be planned and implemented

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 AHCPRK201A Care for health and welfare of pigs.

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 AHCPRK201 Care for health and welfare of pigs

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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:

- check and assess pig health and welfare
- provide an optimal environment for pigs
- establish and maintain hygiene
- administer medication to pigs
- remove dead or non-viable pigs
- report and complete records
- follow work health and safety policies
- follow biosecurity policies
- follow animal welfare policies
- follow environmental policies

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- relevant regulatory requirements, codes of practice, industry standards and enterprise procedures for biosecurity
- relevant regulatory requirements, codes of practice, industry standards and enterprise procedures for animal welfare of pigs
- signs of health, signs of ill health, and methods for assessing pig health and welfare
- techniques and methods for humane handling and restraint of pigs
- common diseases of pigs, treatment regimes, prevention and management strategies
- criteria for handling compromised pigs
- relevant documentation, records and reports that are required

- types, functions and characteristics of housing, housing infrastructure and housing equipment for pigs, and the criteria and methods for determining that they are in working condition
- types, uses, handling, storage and routes of administration of commonly used vaccines, veterinary medicines and chemicals
- requirements, methods and procedures for removing and disposing of waste and debris
- procedures for conducting post-mortem examinations
- effects and impacts of individual pig health and welfare on herd health status and vice versa
- relevant work health and safety requirements and environmental practices

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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