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Modification History

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

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to move and handle pigs.

This unit applies to workers in pork production who undertake routine pig handling tasks under supervision. Work environments may include indoor and outdoor pork production systems.

Commonwealth and/or state/territory health and safety, animal welfare, environmental protection and biosecurity legislation, regulations and codes of practice apply to keeping and working with pigs. Requirements vary between jurisdictions.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Mandatory workplace requirements apply to the assessment of this unit.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Pork (PRK)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Prepare for movement of pigs	1.1 Identify and follow biosecurity procedures that apply to entering and working on a pork production site 1.2 Confirm pigs to be moved, their current location, their destination and timing of the move

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	1.3 Confirm enterprise animal welfare and biosecurity requirements for pig movement 1.4 Identify health and safety hazards, assess risks and control and/or report risks prior to commencing tasks 1.5 Select, prepare and fit appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) required for the tasks and conditions 1.6 Check gates and/or pathways/routes for clear access, and readiness of destination to receive pigs 1.7 Advise other workers of upcoming pig movement as required
2. Move pigs	2.1 Determine pigs to be moved individually and/or in groups 2.2 Handle, move and/or lift pigs using safe manual handling techniques, and low stress animal handling techniques 2.3 Monitor pig behaviour during all handling and moving activities, and identify and respond to situations and hazards that arise to avoid or minimise injury to self, others and pigs 2.4 Report and seek assistance from supervisor for incidents and/or risks beyond level of own responsibility
3. Complete movement of pigs	3.1 Check pigs are safely and securely housed or enclosed at destination 3.2 Reset gates and raceways as required 3.3 Clean and store equipment used to handle and move pigs as required 3.4 Complete pig movement records, and report incidents according to enterprise procedures

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.

Skill	Description
Reading	Interpret key information in pig movement documents

Skill	Description
Writing	Use industry terminology to record information about pig movements
Oral communication	Use active listening and questioning techniques to clarify and confirm supervisor instructions
Numeracy	Estimate and calculate quantity, time, weight, temperature, volume and ratio

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCPRK202 Move and handle pigs	AHCPRK203 Move and handle pigs	Major changes to all sections of the unit Pig restraint, weighing and tagging removed Foundation skills added Mandatory workplace requirements added	Not equivalent

Links

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Assessment Requirements for AHCPRK202 Move and handle pigs

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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, efficiently and calmly moved pigs from one location to another, including at least:

- four groups of pigs, with each group to include at least three pigs
- an individual pig.

For each pig movement, the individual must have:

- identified at least two health and safety hazards, and assessed and controlled and/or reported associated risks
- selected, checked and correctly fitted appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)
- used safe manual handling and low stress animal handling and moving techniques
- ensured passageways are ready and safe for pigs to move through
- selected and effectively used tools and equipment to handle and move pigs as required.

For at least one pig movement, the individual must have:

- confirmed and followed enterprise biosecurity requirements
- used safe manual handling and/or lifting techniques
- separated a targeted pig from within a group of pigs
- secured pig at their destination
- completed movement record.

Mandatory workplace requirements

All performance evidence specified above must be demonstrated in a pork production site.

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 and biosecurity that apply to handling, lifting and moving pigs
- enterprise procedures and requirements for worker health and safety, animal welfare and biosecurity that apply to handling, lifting and moving pigs
- hazard identification, risk assessment and controls to minimise risks when handling, lifting and moving pigs
- key features of pig body language and behaviour, including:
 - herding
 - flight zone and field of vision, including flight or fight responses
 - protective behaviours of sows and boars
 - reaction to light, sudden sounds, movement or changes in environment
 - reaction to obstacles in pathways and changes in flooring conditions
 - incline and decline issues
 - exploratory behaviour using smell, hearing and sight
- signs of distress, and methods for assessing pig stress levels based on their behaviour
- safe manual handling, and low stress methods and techniques for handling, lifting, moving and securing pigs
- zoonoses, including erysipelas, Japanese encephalitis, leptospirosis, worms and influenza
- types and methods of identifying pigs
- enterprise documentation, records and reports required for pig movements.

Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:
 - *a pork production site*
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - *live pigs specified in performance evidence*
 - *materials, resources, passageways, tools and equipment, including PPE, specified in the performance evidence*
 - *safety data sheets*
- specifications:
 - *enterprise procedures for pig handling, movement and care, worker health and safety, and biosecurity activities specified in the performance evidence.*

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

Mandatory workplace requirements

Mandatory workplace requirements are shown in *italic text*. Refer to the Companion Volume Implementation Guide for further information.

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