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AHCPRK203 Move and handle pigs

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Application

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

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 workers in pork production enterprises operating under routine supervision within organisational guidelines.

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. Control and move pigs	1.1 Conduct moving, manual handling, lifting and restraining of pigs in a safe and appropriate manner in compliance with relevant work health and safety requirements 1.2 Move and handle pigs either singly or in groups safely and humanely, using appropriate positive behavioural methods 1.3 Monitor pigs constantly for signs of distress and take appropriate action 1.4 Record as required

Element	Performance criteria
2. Restrain pigs	2.1 Restrain pigs safely and humanely in line with enterprise animal welfare policies
3. Weigh or condition score pigs	3.1 Weigh individual pigs and groups of pigs as required, in line with enterprise biosecurity policies 3.2 Read ear tag, ear notch or pen number to identify pigs
4. Return pigs to housing	4.1 Return pigs to their housing or secure pigs at their final destinations as appropriate

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 AHCPRK203A Move and handle pigs.

Links

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<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>

Assessment Requirements for AHCPRK203 Move and handle 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:

- control and move pigs
- restrain pigs
- weigh and condition score pigs
- return pigs to housing
- follow work health and safety policies
- follow biosecurity policies
- follow animal welfare policies

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- techniques and methods for humane handling and restraint of pigs
- relevant regulatory requirements, industry standards and codes of practice for ensuring animal welfare of pigs
- signs of health, signs of ill health, signs of distress and methods for assessing pig health, welfare and behaviour
- requirements, methods and procedures for weighing pigs
- types and methods of identifying pigs
- relevant work health and safety and biosecurity requirements

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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