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## Modification History

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## Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to conduct outdoor pig operations.

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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Elements describe the essential outcomes. | Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1. Prepare housing                        | 1.1 Follow enterprise work health and safety and biosecurity policies<br>1.2 Clean, disinfect and prepare housing for pigs<br>1.3 Prepare and fill feeders and drinkers<br>1.4 Prepare appropriate outdoor environment amenities as required<br>1.5 Report problems with housing |
| 2. Provide for care and                   | 2.1 Identify and check that care and welfare needs of pigs are met in                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

| Element                        | Performance criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| welfare of pigs                | <p>compliance with the relevant legislation, codes of practice and industry standards and guidelines</p> <p>2.2 Provide appropriate feed and water supplies for pigs</p> <p>2.3 Carry out handling, husbandry and enterprise procedures safely and appropriately</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 3. Carry out operational tasks | <p>3.1 Wean litter according to established enterprise schedules if required</p> <p>3.2 Select pigs from different litters to form viable groups based on body weight and sex at optimal stocking densities for maximum productivity, if required</p> <p>3.3 Check behaviour and condition of pigs regularly and report as required</p> <p>3.4 Administer preventative treatments according to enterprise schedules and supervisor instructions</p> <p>3.5 Carry out maintenance of production environment as required</p>                                                                                                                                                   |
| 4. Check pigs                  | <p>4.1 Check pig condition and health as part of regular routine</p> <p>4.2 Check feeders and drinkers as part of regular routine</p> <p>4.3 Check infrastructure and amenities, and carry out maintenance as required</p> <p>4.4 Move pig groups as required in line with growth and condition</p> <p>4.5 Remove poor performing pigs from existing groups and regroup</p> <p>4.6 Isolate sick, injured or unhealthy pigs or identify for euthanasia</p> <p>4.7 Apply health treatments when required</p> <p>4.8 Remove dead pigs and report and record as required.</p> <p>4.9 Check production environmental conditions, report and carry out maintenance as required</p> |
| 5. Complete records            | <p>5.1 Complete required documentation and records accurately and promptly</p> <p>5.2 Report to supervisor and management as required</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

## Foundation Skills

Foundation Skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

## Range of Conditions

## Unit Mapping Information

New unit - No equivalent.

## 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 AHCPRK206 Conduct outdoor pig operations

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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:

- prepare housing
- provide for care and welfare of pigs
- carry out operational tasks
- check pigs
- 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 legislation, codes of practice, industry standards and guidelines for outdoor pig production
- types, functions, characteristics, cleaning and maintenance of outdoor pigs
- requirements and components of enterprise work routines for outdoor pigs
- types, functions, characteristics, cleaning and maintenance of relevant outdoor pig housing and production installations and equipment, such as feeders and drinkers
- techniques and methods for humane handling and restraint of pigs in outdoor production environments
- requirements, methods and procedures for weaning piglets
- requirements, methods and procedures for formation of viable groups, and the impacts of a viable group on individual pig health and production

- signs of health, signs of ill health, and methods for assessing pig health, welfare and behaviour
- nutritional requirements and methods and procedures for feeding and watering outdoor pigs
- criteria and methods of assessing optimal stocking densities of pigs
- requirements, methods and procedures for removal and disposal of pig carcasses
- types, uses and procedures of relevant veterinary and preventive treatments of pigs
- types, handling, use and disposal of cleaning agents and disinfectants, work health and safety and environmental practices for these chemicals
- types of documentation and records that are required for pig operations
- requirements and maintenance of outdoor pig production environment
- relevant work health and safety and biosecurity 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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