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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 effectively cared for at least four different groups of pigs over a period of at least five days. Each group must include at least three pigs. For each group, the individual must have:

- identified at least two health and safety hazards, and assessed and controlled associated risks
- selected, checked and correctly fitted appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)
- used safe and low stress animal handling techniques
- maintained feed and water availability
- maintained pig environments, including:
 - cleaned feeding and watering equipment
 - identified and reported signs of pest and/or predator activity
 - disposed of waste materials according to environmental requirements
- monitored and reported basic pig health, and identified signs of:
 - ill health, injury or distress
 - abnormal or depressed appetite
 - non-routine behaviour.

The individual must also have treated at least five different pigs as directed, including:

- used appropriate techniques and location to administer treatments
- safely handled and stored materials used for treatments according to enterprise health, safety, environmental and biosecurity requirements
- documented all treatments provided to pigs according to enterprise requirements.

In addition to the above, the individual must have removed at least one dead or non-viable pig according to enterprise biosecurity and/or environmental procedures.

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, biosecurity and environment protection that apply to providing health care for pigs
- enterprise procedures and requirements for worker health and safety, animal welfare, biosecurity and environment protection that apply to providing health care for pigs
- hazard identification, risk assessment and controls to minimise risks when checking and treating pigs
- key features of pig anatomy and body functions
- physical needs of pigs, including food, water, protection from weather, and predators
- signs of common pig ill health, diseases and injuries, and detection methods, including:
 - irregular behaviour, including self-isolation, lethargy, loss of appetite and drinking
 - checks including weight and breathing
 - lameness, straight tail, head tilt and body tremors
 - checking skin for red patches, scabs, bleeding, lesions, swelling, and open wounds
 - checking for unusual discharges from eyes, nose and genitalia
 - abnormal faeces
- safe and low stress techniques for handling and restraining pigs, including injured and ill pigs
- treatment and prevention of common pig diseases
- key features and functions of pig hospital pens and quarantine enclosures
- common types, features, functions and operational checks of enclosures, infrastructure and equipment used to house pigs
- types, uses, handling, storage and routes of administration of commonly used vaccines, veterinary medicines and chemicals used to treat pigs
- enterprise requirements, methods and procedures for removing and disposing of waste and debris
- notifiable diseases, including enterprise procedures for reporting and responding to notifiable diseases
- zoonoses, including erysipelas, leptospirosis, Japanese encephalitis, worms and influenza
- regulatory and enterprise documentation, records and reports required for pig health care.

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*
 - *pig infrastructure, materials, resources, tools and equipment, including PPE specified in the performance evidence*
 - *safety data sheets*
- specifications:
 - *enterprise procedures for pig care, health and welfare, worker health and safety, and biosecurity activities specified in the performance evidence*
- timeframes:
 - *the five days specified in the performance evidence can be consecutive or non-consecutive.*

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.

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -
<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>