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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 treat rectal prolapse in pigs, including preparation, treatment and post-treatment care.

This unit applies to individuals who apply technical knowledge and skills with discretion and judgement to care for pigs in pork production environments. They work under broad direction, coordinate activities and solve problems related to pig health and welfare. 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 to treat rectal prolapse	1.1 Identify and follow biosecurity procedures that apply to entering and working on a pork production site

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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>
	1.2 Recognise signs of rectal prolapse and rectal strictures in pigs 1.3 Determine treatment based on severity of prolapse or stricture, and pig health and condition 1.4 Seek supervisor, veterinary or other expert advice where required 1.5 Prepare work site, required resources and materials for treatment according to enterprise infection control procedures
2. Treat rectal prolapse	2.1 Identify health and safety hazards, and assess and control risks related to treating rectal prolapse 2.2 Select and fit personal protective equipment (PPE) according to enterprise safety and biosecurity requirements 2.3 Isolate and/or treat pig according to Farm Treatment Plan using safe manual handling and low stress animal handling techniques 2.4 Monitor pig improvement and/or continue treatment as required, and update treatment records 2.5 Report abnormal outbreaks of rectal prolapse to farm management

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 textual information in enterprise procedures, forms and standards related to pig health care
Writing	Record pig health and treatments accurately using industry terminology
Oral communication	Use industry terminology to describe pig condition, health and treatments
Numeracy	Estimate and calculate quantity, size, weight, volume, ratio and temperature

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCPRK313 Treat rectal prolapse in pigs	AHCPRK302 Treat rectal prolapse in pig	Major changes to all sections of the unit Worker health and safety outcomes added Foundation skills added Mandatory workplace requirements added	Not equivalent

Links

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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 treated at least two different pigs for a rectal prolapse. In treating each pig, 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 manual handling, and safe and low stress animal handling techniques
- identified and applied enterprise health and safety, infection control, biosecurity and environmental protection procedures
- identified severity of prolapse in relationship to pig's age, general health and condition
- isolated pig from other pigs if required
- treated pig according to Farm Treatment Plan and/or Approved Medication List
- completed health treatment records according to enterprise requirements.

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 caring for pigs with rectal prolapse and rectal strictures
- enterprise procedures and requirements for worker health and safety, animal welfare and biosecurity that apply to caring for pigs with rectal prolapse and rectal strictures
- hazard identification, risk assessment and controls to minimise risks when caring for pigs with rectal prolapse and rectal strictures
- factors associated with rectal prolapse and/or stricture causation

- common management strategies and treatments for rectal prolapse and/or strictures
- anatomy and physiology of pig organs and tissues related to rectal prolapse and strictures
- safe manual handling, and safe and low stress animal techniques and methods for handling and restraint of pigs with rectal prolapse or rectal strictures
- when, where and how to seek expert advice related to treatment of rectal prolapses in pigs
- enterprise requirements, resources and materials for treatment of rectal prolapse, including Farm Treatment Plan
- characteristics, signs, management and control of abnormal increase in incidence of rectal prolapse and/stricture
- requirements, functions and procedures for set-up and operation of pig hospital or recovery pens
- 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*
 - *safety data sheets*
 - *materials, resources, tools and equipment, including PPE specifications:*
 - *enterprise procedures for pig care, health and welfare, worker health and safety, and biosecurity activities.*

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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