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AHCSHG207 Shear goats

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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to catch, handle and shear goats.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, work health and safety, animal welfare and biosecurity requirements and sustainability practices.

This unit applies to individuals who work under general supervision and exercise limited autonomy with some accountability for own work. They identify and provide solutions to a limited range of predictable problems.

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

Shearing (SHG)

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. Prepare for shearing	1.1 Check shearing equipment for correct operation prior to shearing session 1.2 Identify, catch and move goats to be shorn 1.3 Prepare shearing equipment in readiness for shearing operations 1.4 Identify potential and existing hazards in the workplace and report to the supervisor

Element	Performance criteria
	1.5 Select, use and maintain suitable personal protective equipment
2. Perform shearing operations	2.1 Position goat for shearing using identified positions and shear 2.2 Use shearing methods that ensure that damage to the goat and fleece is minimised while meeting volume of shearing expectations 2.3 Shear goats using safe and humane handling techniques at all times 2.4 Comply with work health and safety and animal welfare requirements
3. Respond to complications	3.1 Identify contamination during shearing operations and report to owner 3.2 Treat cuts to goats as required 3.3 Identify problem goats and report
4. Complete shearing operation	4.1 Place fibre to avoid contamination and for collection by handlers 4.2 Set handpiece to non-operational position and store 4.3 Release goats safely from the board into the count-out pens 4.4 Report shearing grievances and difficulties to supervisor 4.5 Monitor and control environmental implications associated with shearing activities 4.6 Follow enterprise biosecurity policies where required

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 AHCSHG207A Shear goats

Links

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Assessment Requirements for AHCSHG207 Shear goats

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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:

- identify hazards and implement safe work practices
- select and operate equipment appropriate to shearing tasks
- shear goats using industry accepted methods and procedures
- avoid contamination, second cuts and damage to fleece, goats and people
- appropriately treat injured goats
- handle goats with due care
- maintain safe and hazard-free equipment
- effectively communicate with supervisor
- apply enterprise work health and safety policies in the context of own work
- apply enterprise animal welfare, biosecurity policies in the context of own work

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- types of shearing sheds, boards and catching pens
- components and functions of shearing equipment and machinery
- industry accepted handling and shearing techniques and positions
- basic goat anatomy and behavioural characteristics as they impact on shearing of goats
- common goat diseases and treatments as they impact on work health and safety and humane treatment of goats
- enterprise biosecurity policies applying to the job role
- work health and safety legislation and codes of practice applying to the job role
- animal welfare legislation and codes of practice applying to the job role

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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