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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Release 11.0.

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:

- shorn and tallied a minimum of 40 adult merino sheep or 50 adult crossbred sheep per eight-hour day to industry standards
- communicated workplace issues on at least two occasions.

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:

- shearing machinery required and their respective functions
- health and fitness procedures for shearing, including:
 - warm-up
 - stretches
 - good hydration, nutrition and rest periods
- safe and humane handling techniques for catching, moving, shearing and releasing sheep according to WHS and animal welfare requirements
- basic industry agreed techniques and positions in shearing sequence, including:
 - belly
 - back leg and undermine
 - neck
 - first shoulder transition
 - long blow
 - neck second shoulder
 - last side
- basic anatomy of male and female sheep as it relates to the safe, humane removal of wool

- common sheep diseases, including:
 - zoonotic
 - parasitic
 - other
- humane treatment of animals, including:
- stitch a sheep
- application of pain relief
- workplace tallying methods for shorn sheep
- personal protective equipment (PPE), and when and how it should be used
- federal and/or state shearing awards and agreements associated with shearing sheep
- workplace policies associated with the novice shearer job role in a shearing shed, including:
 - biosecurity
 - environment
 - employment and work health and safety legislation
 - animal welfare standards and codes of practice
- effective communication with team and supervisor to ensure steady shearing workflow
- teamwork principles, including:
 - working towards a common goal
 - communicating effectively and cooperatively
 - embracing diversity
- where to access shearing equipment manufacturer specifications.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - equipment and materials appropriate for shearing sheep
 - animals for shearing
- relationships:
 - supervisor
 - wool harvesting team members.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -

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