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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 80 adult merino sheep or 100 adult crossbred sheep per eight-hour day to industry standards
- communicated workplace issues on at least four 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:

- types of shearing sheds, boards and catching pens and how they impact upon shearing techniques
- shearing machinery required, their respective functions, possible faults and the effects of shearing tool modifications
- industry shearing techniques and positions and method of shearing, including:
 - belly
 - back leg and undermine
 - neck
 - first shoulder transition
 - long blow
 - neck, second shoulder
 - last side
- sheep breed and wool types and shearing technique differences required
- safe handling techniques for catching, moving, shearing and releasing sheep
- basic anatomy of male and female sheep as it relates to the safe, humane removal of wool
- common sheep diseases, including:

- zoonotic
- parasitic
- other
- sheep with black wool
- types of contamination
- communication methods re: mob cut- out and/or commencing a new mob of sheep
- humane treatment of animals, including application of pain relief following suturing
- shearing issues, including:
 - the impacts of sheep behaviour on moving and handling sheep and shearing sheep
 - weather conditions
 - condition of the sheep
- workplace tallying methods for shorn sheep
- personal protective equipment (PPE), and when and how it should be used
- appropriate communication with team and supervisor to ensure steady shearing workflow
- teamwork principles, including:
 - working towards a common goal
 - communicating effectively and cooperatively
 - understanding the work responsibilities of team members
 - respecting others' needs
 - embracing diversity
- federal and/or state shearing awards and agreements associated with shearing sheep
- workplace policies associated with the improver level shearer job role in a shearing shed, including:
 - biosecurity
 - environment
 - employment and work health and safety legislation
 - animal welfare standards and codes of practice
 - shed quality standards
- manufacturer specifications relating to the use of shearing equipment and materials.

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>