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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:

- crutched, shorn and tallied at least one merino sheep or crossbred sheep unassisted 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:

- types of shearing sheds, boards and catching pens
- shearing machinery required and their respective functions
- industry agreed shearing and crutching techniques, and positions and method of shearing
- features of 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
- major wool contaminants
- humane treatment of animals
- shearing issues, including:
 - the impacts of sheep behaviour on moving, handling and shearing sheep
 - the impact of weather conditions
 - the condition of sheep
- 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
- health and safety procedures, including:
 - warm-up exercises
 - back, shoulder, leg, arm and abdomen stretches
 - good hydration, nutrition and rest periods
- work health and safety (WHS), animal welfare, environment and biosecurity standards and codes of practice that apply to the job role
- teamwork principles, including:
 - working towards a common goal
 - communicating effectively and cooperatively
 - respecting others' needs
 - embracing diversity
- manufacturer specifications regarding the use and maintenance of combs, cutters and handpieces.

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:
 - wool harvesting team members
 - supervisor.

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>