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AHCSHG301 Prepare livestock for shearing

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1	AHCv1.0	Initial release

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to sort and prepare livestock for shearing.

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 broad direction and take responsibility for their own work including limited responsibility for the work of others. They use discretion and judgement in the selection and use of available resources.

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. Sort livestock for shearing	1.1 Locate, identify and confirm livestock with as specified in shearing plan 1.2 Muster livestock and move to shearing facilities, sort, count and yard livestock 1.3 Identify livestock with pigmented fleece and cull for separate shearing operations 1.4 Identify potential and existing hazards, assess risks and

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	implement control measures in line with enterprise work health and safety policies 1.5 Select, use and maintain suitable personal protective equipment 1.6 Comply with animal welfare codes of practice
2. Prepare livestock for shearing	2.1 Check shearing, cleaning and drenching equipment for correct operation 2.2 Crutch livestock as required 2.3 Remove contaminated and stained wool and dispose of appropriately 2.4 Take livestock off feed to allow emptying out before shearing
3. Monitor livestock	3.1 Provide and maintain feed and water supplies for livestock 3.2 Provide and maintain suitable shelter for livestock 3.3 Monitor livestock condition and health status for evidence of sickness, and record or report as required 3.4 Monitor and control environmental implications associated with shearing activities 3.5 Apply enterprise biosecurity policies

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 AHCSHG301A Prepare livestock for shearing

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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

Assessment Requirements for AHCSHG301 Prepare livestock for shearing

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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 be observed preparing livestock for shearing.

The candidate must provide evidence that they can:

- identify hazards and implement safe work procedures
- select equipment appropriate to crutching and shearing tasks
- organise crutching and shearing operations
- muster, move, draft and handle livestock in compliance with animal welfare requirements
- observe and monitor livestock health and condition and detect disease or nutritional disorders and treat appropriately
- organise feed and water supplies
- avoid and remove contamination of fleece
- demonstrate safe and environmentally responsible workplace practices
- communicate verbally with work team and manager
- calculate livestock numbers, keep mobs separate
- follow enterprise work health and safety policies in the context of own work
- follow enterprise biosecurity policies in the context of own work
- follow enterprise animal welfare policies in the context of own work

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- different types and purposes of shearing boards, yards and catching pens
- components and functions of shearing, cleaning and drenching equipment
- handling, mustering and movement techniques
- livestock breeds, nutritional and hygiene requirements
- possible fleece contaminants and types of pigmentation faults
- biosecurity legislation and codes of practice 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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