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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:

- selected equipment appropriate to crutching and shearing tasks on two occasions
- organised crutching and shearing operations on two occasions
- mustered, moved, drafted and handled livestock in compliance with animal welfare requirements on 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:

- 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, including:
 - merino
 - crossbreeds
- nutritional and hygiene requirements, including:
 - fresh, clean water
 - appropriate pasture
 - assessing if supplement feed is required
 - access to salt and mineral blocks
 - observing behaviour and physical condition of sheep
 - checking for signs of illness or injury and taking appropriate preventative action
 - suitable shelter
- possible fleece contaminants and types of pigmentation faults, including:

- pigmented fibre contamination
- chemical and brands contaminants
- non-wool contaminants (baling twine, wire)
- heavy urine and faecal stains
- mixed sheep breeds present
- moisture levels caused by climate
- biosecurity and environment legislation and codes of practice applying to the job role
- work health and safety (WHS) legislation and codes of practice applying to the job role
- animal welfare legislation and codes of practice applying to the job role
- personal protective equipment (PPE), and when and how it should be used
- teamwork principles, including:
 - working towards a common goal
 - communicating effectively and cooperatively
 - understanding the work responsibilities of team members
 - respecting others' needs
 - embracing diversity.

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.

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>