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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 120 adult merino sheep or 140 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:

- workplace policies associated with the professional shearers 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
- types of shearing sheds, boards and catching pens
- different shearing techniques and shears used for crossbred sheep and merino sheep
- shearing machinery required and their respective functions
- industry agreed shearing techniques and positions and method of shearing
- safe handling techniques for catching, moving, shearing and releasing sheep
- basic stitching of cuts caused by shearing
- the anatomy of male and female sheep as it relates to safe and humane removal of wool
- common sheep diseases as they relate to work health and safety and humane treatment of animals
- demonstration processes of basic shearing positions in sequence, including:

- belly
- back leg and undermine
- neck
- first shoulder transition
- long blow
- neck, second shoulder
- last side
- shearing issues, including:
 - the impacts of sheep behaviour on moving and handling sheep and shearing sheep
 - the impact of weather conditions
 - the condition of the sheep
- workplace tallying methods for shorn sheep
- personal protective equipment (PPE) and when and how it should be used
- methods of avoiding contamination
- federal and/or state shearing awards and agreements associated with shearing sheep
- communication methods to facilitate steady workflow in the shearing shed, including:
 - working towards a common goal
 - communicating effectively and cooperatively
 - understanding the work responsibilities of team members
 - respecting others' needs
 - embracing diversity
- features of quality standards used in the shearing shed, in the industry, including:
 - specific and measurable reequipments
 - appropriate and realistic specifications
 - timely reporting
 - documentation requirements
- traceability requirements, including:
 - standard of sheep shearing
 - reporting of sheep injury, disease or illness
 - reporting of black wool and other wool cut-outs
- 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:
 - wool harvesting team members, including other shearers.

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>