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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:

- prepared and set the equipment correctly and maintained control, coordination, rhythm, optimum shearing output, speed and accuracy over an eight-hour day 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:

- types of shearing sheds, boards and catching pens
- shearing machinery required and their respective functions
- industry shearing techniques and positions and method of shearing
- aspects 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
- 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
- health and safety procedures, including:
 - warm-up exercises
 - back, shoulder, leg, arm and abdomen stretches
 - good hydration, nutrition and rest periods
 - fitness exercises to maintain stamina
- personal protective equipment (PPE), and when and how it should be used
- workplace policies associated with the professional job role, including:
 - biosecurity

- environment
- employment and work health and safety legislation
- animal welfare standards and codes of practice
- shed quality standards
- federal and/or state shearing awards and agreements associated with shearing sheep
- 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:
 - owner/manager, contractor
 - 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>