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AHCWOL203 Carry out wool pressing

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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to press wool into bales and related tasks.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, work health and safety and biosecurity legislation and codes.

This unit applies to individuals who work under general supervision and exercise limited autonomy with some accountability for their own work. They identify and provide solutions to a limited range of predictable problems.

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

Wool (WOL)

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. Prepare for wool pressing	1.1 Identify work health and safety hazards and report to the supervisor 1.2 Select and use suitable personal protective equipment 1.3 Identify the lines of wool to be pressed and confirm with the supervisor 1.4 Check the wool press for safe operation and report any issues to supervisor

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	1.5 Carry out any required lubrication and maintenance as directed by supervisor 1.6 Prepare the work area in readiness for pressing as instructed 1.7 Check the scales to be used for accuracy and calibrate if necessary, as instructed 1.8 Check the press and its location for safety 1.9 Identify any defective equipment and report to the supervisor
2. Press wool	2.1 Apply safe working practices using the available safety equipment 2.2 Remove contamination from the woolpack and place in the appropriate location 2.3 Place all wool correctly and evenly in the press, as directed 2.4 Press bales safely for weight and length as directed 2.5 Keep work area in a condition that avoids contamination of the wool
3. Close and stack bales	3.1 Use approved bale dividers as instructed and ensure flaps are correctly fastened 3.2 Identify bales for branding before removing them from the press 3.3 Store bales safely, avoiding injury to presser, risk to other workers, and damage to bales and equipment
4. Complete recording requirement	4.1 Brand bales as directed 4.2 Weigh bales and have weight checked by supervisor 4.3 Record bale weights, numbers and descriptions using the appropriate recording system, as directed and arrange a check by the supervisor

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 AHCWOL203A Carry out wool pressing

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Assessment Requirements for AHCWOL203 Carry out wool pressing

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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 provide evidence that they can:

- observe and report on work health and safety hazards and risks
- apply standard operating procedures for the press and equipment
- operate different types of wool presses under supervision
- operate the various types of scales and manual handling devices and supervision
- maintain uniform bale weights for each line
- brand bales clearly and accurately
- handle and stack wool bales efficiently and without risk to self, other people or machinery
- record bale information to be interpreted and used by other people
- communicate with wool classer/supervisor
- apply work health and safety practices in the context of own work

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- sources of contamination of the fleece
- the requirements of Code of Practice for the Preparation of Australian Wool Clips as it relates to wool pressing
- methods of handling fleece and bales that minimise risk to own health, including safe lifting and bending techniques
- features of industry standards for weight, length of bales, fastening methods and type of pack
- industry standards for bale branding
- features of the recording system for bale details in use in the organisation
- enterprise work health and safety policies

Assessment Conditions

Competency is to be assessed in the work place or workplace and simulated environments that accurately reflect performance in a real workplace setting.

Assessors must satisfy current standards for RTOs

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