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# **AHCWOL308 Prepare facilities for shearing and crutching**

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## Modification History

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| 1       | AHCv1.0    | Initial release |

## Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to ensure the safety and hygiene standards of facilities and equipment prior to shearing and crutching operations, and is undertaken by growers with assistance from wool handlers.

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

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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Elements describe the essential outcomes. | Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 1. Inspect facilities and equipment       | 1.1 Inspect facilities and assess for hygiene and safety<br>1.2 Identify equipment faults or malfunctions and report for repair or replacement<br>1.3 Identify potential and existing hazards, assess risks and implement control measures and report<br>1.4 Select, use and maintain suitable personal protective equipment |

| Element                                     | Performance criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| 2. Prepare facilities                       | 2.1 Engage shed staff in the removal of contaminating substances according to industry Quality Assurance (QA) and environmental requirements<br>2.2 Direct and assist shed staff in the cleaning of facilities and equipment t and eliminate hazards                                                                              |
| 3. Prepare equipment and materials          | 3.1 Direct and assist shed staff in the positioning of tables and equipment<br>3.2 Place bins and wool pack holders in strategic positions<br>3.3 Direct and assist shed staff in the positioning of brooms and scrapers<br>3.4 Hold discussions with the presser in relation to their understanding of the property requirements |
| 4. Organise the supply of sheep to shearers | 4.1 Convey the order of shearing and information on mob cut-outs to staff<br>4.2 Move humanely sheep to be shorn first into catching pens<br>4.3 Monitor and coordinate the supply of sheep throughout shearing<br>4.4 Implement 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 AHCWOL308A Prepare facilities for shearing and crutching

## 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 AHCWOL308 Prepare facilities for shearing and crutching

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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:

- identify hazards and implement safe work practices
- maintain contamination and hazard-free environment for shearing and wool handling
- recognise and remedy health and safety hazards
- carry out minor maintenance and repairs to equipment and facilities
- disposal of waste in an environmentally responsible manner
- pen sheep humanely in line with enterprise animal welfare policies
- communicate with shed staff and direct operations

## Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- maintenance and hygiene requirements of shearing sheds, boards and catching pens
- sources and types of contamination
- principles of moving and penning animals
- shearing requirements
- features of efficient shed and board layouts
- requirements of work health and safety legislation and animal welfare codes of practice as they relate to the shearing and wool preparation sector

## 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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