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AHCWOL313 Class alpaca fleece

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1	AHCv1.0	Initial release

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to class alpaca fleece.

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

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
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Prepare for classing of alpaca fleece	1.1 Arrange equipment, facilities and layout of shed according to predetermined classing strategy for efficient fleece flow, quality management and pressing 1.2 Select, use and maintain personal protective equipment and clothing 1.3 Identify work health and safety hazards, assess risks and implement control measures 1.4 Apply site quarantine/biosecurity protocols and follow hygiene requirements and monitor as required by owner or manager

Element	Performance criteria
	instructions 1.5 Place bins and containers appropriately and ensure they are clearly labelled according to classing strategy and quality management system requirements
2. Carry out classing of alpaca fleece	2.1 Apply safe work practices at all times and use available safety equipment 2.2 Follow enterprise animal welfare policies 2.3 Handle and skirt fleece to standards outlined in classing strategy 2.4 Check fleece to ensure freedom from contamination and stain 2.5 Check fleece to ensure adequate and optimum skirting 2.6 Keep different classes of fleece separate as required 2.7 Appraise fleece for its characteristics 2.8 Identify fleece of higher and lower market value and make lines that maximise return to fleece owner 2.9 Class fleece to Alpaca Fleece Classing Code of Practice or as required by alternative selling methods 2.10 Record data about fleece
3. Dispose of fleece and report on wet fleece	3.1 Place fleece in correct bins ready for pressing and ensure that cross-contamination does not occur 3.2 Identify wet fleece as required by classing strategy and report
4. Follow up classing outcomes	4.1 Seek feedback on classing outcomes and compliance with industry standards from owner or processor and note any required improvements for future action 4.2 Take action to ensure awareness of changes in classing techniques, standards, and processor and market requirements

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 AHCWOL313A Class alpaca fleece

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 AHCWOL313 Class alpaca fleece

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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
- arrange layout of bins and fleece table in a variety of sheds for optimum efficiency of fleece flow and pressing
- label bins and containers correctly
- assess pigmented fibre risk and separating fleece as required
- check fleece to ensure freedom from contamination and stain
- check fleece to ensure optimum and adequate skirting
- identify and appraise alpaca fleece characteristics
- identify fleece of higher and lower market value and ensuring lines are made that maximise return to grower
- class alpaca fleece according to the Alpaca Fleece Classing Code of Practice or as required by alternative selling methods
- seek feedback on classing outcomes and compliance with industry standards from owner or processor
- implement enterprise work health and safety policies
- implement enterprise biosecurity policies and animal welfare practices

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- classing requirements for the range of customers
- effect of genetics and environment on fibre characteristics
- fleece growth, skin and fibre biology
- fleece measurement criteria and techniques used to measure fleece characteristics
- inherent alpaca fleece characteristics (such as diameter, length and strength, colour, vegetable matter amount and type and yield
- interpretation of test results

- preparation of documentation of fleece clips
- Alpaca Fleece Classing Code of Practice
- principles of classing
- raw fleece characteristics and their effect on processing and final product
- features of shed layouts that promote efficient fleece flow and handling.
- requirements of work health and safety legislation, biosecurity and animal welfare codes of practice

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.

Evidence of competency must be demonstrated in Huacaya and Suri clips

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