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AHCWOL315 Supervise clip preparation

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Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Release 11.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to supervise board persons, wool handlers and the wool presser in preparing the wool clip.

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.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, work health and safety (WHS), animal welfare, and biosecurity and environmental sustainability practices, according to state/territory regulations, legislation, codes and standards that apply to the workplace.

No 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

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Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Explain organisation requirements for clip preparation	1.1 Explain workplace standard of wool clip preparation quality and traceability requirements to the wool handlers 1.2 Explain workplace procedures for operating safely and for the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) to the wool handlers 1.3 Explain the impact of contamination in the wool to the wool

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	handlers 1.4 Introduce or indicate the key personnel in the wool shed or room to the wool handlers 1.5 Allocate and explain responsibilities for specific functions or procedures to wool handlers 1.6 Identify WHS hazards, assess risks and implement suitable controls 1.7 Confirm that all PPE and clothing is selected, used and maintained appropriately by wool handlers 1.8 Explain the importance of effective teamwork to enhance productivity and enhance cooperation, staff satisfaction and wellbeing to wool handlers 1.9 Explain the importance of complying with animal welfare, biosecurity and environmental policies to wool handlers
2. Monitor wool harvesting staff performance	2.1 Monitor board persons' performance including picking up and throwing fleece, sweeping board and preparing non-fleece wools 2.2 Monitor wool handlers' performance to ensure they follow the set procedures for each of the clip preparation tasks 2.3 Monitor penner-up performance to ensure mobs are handled humanely in line with animal welfare policies and kept separate, and catching pens are monitored and filled as required 2.4 Monitor wool pressers' activities, including keeping wool press area clean, pressing, branding, weighing and recording bale details in the wool book
3. Oversee preparation of wool	3.1 Supervise wool harvesting staff to maintain a clear board and ensure fleeces are thrown correctly 3.2 Supervise wool harvesting staff in the removal and preparation of fleece wool

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Oral communication	• Provide direction using language appropriate to clip preparation
Numeracy	• Estimate and relay time requirements to wool harvesting staff to achieve the required output

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current release	Code and title previous release	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCWOL315 Supervise clip preparation	AHCWOL306 Supervise clip preparation	Application wording clarified Changes to performance criteria for clarification Foundation skills information added Changes to performance evidence to specify volume and frequency Knowledge evidence specificity added, and other wording clarified Assessment conditions clarified	Equivalent

Links

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Assessment Requirements for AHCWOL315 Supervise clip preparation

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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 supervised either fine/superfine merino, medium/strong merino or crossbred wool clips and has conducted the following with either of the forementioned wool clips on at least one occasion:

- explained clip preparation requirements to wool harvesting staff and monitored their performance
- overseen wool harvesting staff to ensure quality clip preparation
- communicated preparation requirements with wool harvesting staff
- monitored workplace animal welfare practices.

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:

- features of the parts of fleece
- procedures for handling, including:
 - skirtings
 - bellies
 - wool from first shearing
 - premature shorn wool
 - locks and crutchings
 - urine stain wool and oddments
- responsibilities of board and table staff
- characteristics of different wool types and parts of the fleece
- premiums and discounts for wool characteristics
- pressing and branding requirements
- skirting technique

- impact of contamination in the wool
- wool harvesting staff on-job training techniques, including:
 - coaching
 - one-on-one guidance
 - mentoring
 - online learning
 - job rotation
- staff supervision responsibilities, including:
 - facilitating effective communication
 - team building
 - providing advice, guidance and direction for staff
 - raising awareness of responsibilities under work health and safety (WHS) and employment legislation as it applies to staff job roles
 - raising awareness of responsibilities of biosecurity standards, environmental sustainability and animal welfare codes of practice and policies as they apply to staff job roles
- wool harvesting staff duties, including:
 - wool handlers
 - wool pressers
 - board duties
 - Wool Classers
 - penning mobs
 - shearers
- bale traceability requirements, including:
 - industry digital wool clip documentation
 - individual bale numbering and bale labels
 - property identification detail
- safety features of personal protective equipment (PPE) and when how it should be used.

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 clip preparation
- relationships:
 - wool harvesting staff.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

Assessors must be currently registered with the Australian Wool Exchange as Australian Wool Classers.

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