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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 communicated and engaged wool harvesting staff to conduct the following on at least one occasion:

- identified work health and safety (WHS) hazards and implemented safe work practices and biosecurity policies
- maintained contamination-free and hazard-free environment for shearing, crutching and wool handling
- identified and attended to minor maintenance and repair requirements to equipment and facilities
- disposed of waste in an environmentally responsible manner
- penned sheep humanely in line with workplace animal welfare policies.

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:

- maintenance and hygiene requirements of shearing sheds, boards and catching pens
- sources and types of wool contamination, including:
 - urine stain
 - pigmented and medullated fibres and other animal fibres
 - baling twine
 - fertiliser bags
 - other yarns and fabrics
- impact of contamination in the wool
- features of Quality Assurance (QA) used in the workplace and in the industry, including:
 - timely reporting
 - documentation requirements

- principles of moving and penning animals humanely and safely, including:
 - ensuring gates are in good working order and robust enough to contain stock
 - filling pens according to shearer's ability and to reduce stress on sheep
 - keeping pens and yards free of any obstructions to avoid injury and ensure free-flowing stock
- shearing and crutching requirements, including facilities:
 - that enable a smooth flow from holding pens to shearing/crutching board to shed exit for animals
 - that allow for a smooth flow from shearing board to skirting table to bags/bales and ultimately to the storage area
 - with overhead power for shearing gear
 - with anchor points placements for tethers to avoid shed hands stepping over ropes
 - with good lighting
 - with ventilation
- features of efficient shed and board layouts
- requirements of work health and safety (WHS) legislation and animal welfare codes of practice as they relate to the shearing and wool preparation sector
- safety features of personal protective equipment (PPE) and when and how it should be used
- workplace biosecurity policies, including:
 - reducing the risk of wool harvesting staff's exposure to contaminated wool
 - ensuring that any disease agent present on wool within a facility is not spread further, particularly to susceptible livestock
 - greatly reducing the risk that wool received at the facility will be contaminated
- team engagement principles, including:
 - working towards a common goal
 - communicating effectively and cooperation
 - understanding the work responsibilities of team members
 - 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:

- wool harvesting staff.

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>