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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 ensure the safety and hygiene standards of facilities and equipment prior to shearing and crutching operations, and is undertaken by growers.

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, 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

Elements	Performance Criteria
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, safety and potential contamination hazards to prepare for efficient shearing and crutching requirements in line with workplace standards 1.2 Identify equipment faults or malfunctions and report for repair or replacement

Elements	Performance Criteria
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
	1.3 Identify potential and existing WHS hazards, assess risks and implement control measures and report to relevant person 1.4 Select, use and maintain suitable personal protective equipment (PPE)
2. Direct facilities preparation activity	2.1 Remove contaminating substances according to industry Quality Assurance (QA) and environmental requirements 2.2 Clean facilities and equipment and eliminate hazards
3. Engage wool harvesting staff in team activity to prepare equipment and materials	3.1 Engage wool harvesting staff in team activity to position tables and equipment 3.2 Place bins and wool pack holders in strategic positions 3.3 Direct and assist wool harvesting staff in the positioning of brooms and scrapers 3.4 Hold discussions with the presser in relation to 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 4.2 Move sheep humanely according to workplace standards, moving sheep to be shorn first into catching pens 4.3 Monitor and coordinate the supply of sheep throughout shearing
5. Conduct biosecurity and waste disposal activity	5.1 Implement workplace biosecurity policies 5.2 Dispose of waste in an environmentally responsible manner in line with workplace standards

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 accurate advice and direction using language appropriate to shearing shed - Use cooperative communication practices when communicating

	with team members
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Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current release	Code and title previous release	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCWOL316 Prepare facilities for shearing and crutching	AHCWOL308 Prepare facilities for shearing and crutching	Application clarified Element added Performance criteria added context and requirements Foundation skills information added Changes to performance evidence to specify volume and frequency Knowledge evidence, bullet points added Assessment conditions clarified	Not equivalent

Links

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Assessment Requirements for AHCWOL316 Prepare facilities for shearing and crutching

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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 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.

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