



Australian Government

AHCLSK307A Euthanase livestock

Release 2

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Modification History

Release	TP Version	Comments
2	AHC10v5	Change to broaden application of the unit
1	AHC10	Initial release. Supersedes and is equivalent to RTE3119A

Unit Descriptor

Unit descriptor	This unit covers the process of destroying livestock without distress or suffering prior to cessation of their vital life functions and defines the standard required to: prepare for euthanasia; carry out euthanasia of animal using method that minimises pain and distress; dispose of carcass; clean and store equipment and materials.
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Application of the Unit

Application of the unit	This unit requires the application of judgment and discretion, and is likely to be carried out independently within own area of responsibility.
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Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not Applicable

Pre-Requisites

Prerequisite units		

Employability Skills Information

Employability skills	This unit contains employability skills.
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Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

Not Applicable

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ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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1. Prepare for euthanasia	1.1.Criteria for decision to destroy livestock conform to enterprise euthanasia action plan and approval of supervisor where required. 1.2.Method selected to destroy livestock conforms to enterprise euthanasia action plan. 1.3.Equipment and materials required to complete the euthanasia are prepared. 1.4.Hazards associated with the euthanasia are identified in accordance with Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) standards. 1.5.Environmental and public safety risks associated with the euthanasia are identified in accordance with statutory and local authority requirements. 1.6.Licences and permits required to complete euthanasia are obtained where necessary. 1.7.Equipment and materials for euthanasia are checked and prepared in accordance with statutory requirements and industry practice.
2. Carry out euthanasia of animal	2.1.Personal protective and safety equipment is used in accordance with OHS standards and statutory requirements. 2.2.Equipment is handled and transported safely at all times in accordance with statutory requirements and industry practices. 2.3.Animal is physically restrained in a way that minimises pain and distress. 2.4.Animal is killed in a quick and painless way in accordance with animal welfare regulations and statutory requirements. 2.5.Animal is checked to ensure it is dead. 2.6.Animals that have not been killed immediately are destroyed in a humane manner in accordance with animal welfare regulations and statutory requirements. 2.7.Carcasses that are required for research or commercial use are handled as required, in accordance with the animal management strategy and action plan. 2.8.Animal carcasses that are not required for research or other purposes are disposed of as required, in accordance with statutory requirements and industry practice.

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
3. Clean and store equipment and materials	3.1.Carcasses for research or commercial use are cleaned and stored in accordance with relevant policies and procedures and industry practice. 3.2.Equipment and materials are cleaned and stored in accordance with relevant standards and policies. 3.3.Job completion is reported or recorded in accordance with relevant policies and procedures.

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit.

Required skills

- apply animal welfare requirements and OHS procedures
- prepare for euthanasia
- carry out euthanasia of animal
- clean and store equipment and materials.
- dispose of animals in line with environmental policies
- use literacy skills to read, interpret and follow organisational policies and procedures, follow sequenced written instructions, record accurately and legible information collected and select and apply procedures for a range of tasks
- use oral communication skills/language competence to fulfil the job role as specified by the organisation, including questioning techniques, active listening, clarifying information and consulting with supervisors as required
- use numeracy skills to estimate, calculate and record routine workplace measures
- use interpersonal skills to work with and relate to people from a range of cultural, social and religious backgrounds and with a range of physical and mental abilities.

Required knowledge

- OHS regulations and safe practice in euthanasing animals
- statutory legislation and requirements related to euthanasing livestock
- enterprise euthanasia action plans
- animal handling and behaviour
- anatomy and physical features of the animal
- animal welfare legislation, code of practice and enterprise requirements
- where firearms are used, procedures appropriate to the firearms safety and handling.

Evidence Guide

EVIDENCE GUIDE

The evidence guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge, range statement and the Assessment Guidelines for the Training Package.

Overview of assessment

Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

The evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit must be relevant to workplace operations and satisfy holistically all of the requirements of the performance criteria and required skills and knowledge and include achievement of the following:

- prepare for euthanasia
- carry out euthanasia of animal using method that minimises pain and distress
- dispose of carcass
- clean and store equipment and materials.

Context of and specific resources for assessment

Competency requires the application of work practices under work conditions. Selection and use of resources for some worksites may differ due to the regional or enterprise circumstances.

Range Statement

RANGE STATEMENT

The range statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole.

Reasons for euthanasing may include:

- irreparable fracture limbs causing severe trauma
- loss of production
- poor quality of life
- inability to stand or walk
- diagnostic reasons such as potential to cause human disease
- debilitating or toxic condition (cost of treatment prohibitive and poor prognosis).

Unit Sector(s)

Unit sector	Livestock
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Co-requisite units

Co-requisite units		

Competency field

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