



**Australian Government**

**Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations**

# **AHCLSK318A Rear newborn and young livestock**

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### Modification History

Not Applicable

### Unit Descriptor

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| <b>Unit descriptor</b> | This unit covers the process of rearing newborn and young animals and defines the standard required to: weigh and assess condition of newborn and young animals; handle and care for newborn and young animals; recognise signs of stress or ill health in newborn and young animals; provide support as needed to veterinarians attending to sick newborn and young animals; wean animals humanely; provide the necessary feed and shelter. |
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### Application of the Unit

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| <b>Application of the unit</b> | This unit applies to workers in livestock industries and is likely to be carried out with minimal supervision within enterprise guidelines. |
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### Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not Applicable

### Pre-Requisites

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| <b>Prerequisite units</b> |  |  |
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## Employability Skills Information

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| <b>Employability skills</b> | This unit contains employability skills. |
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## Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

Not Applicable

## Elements and Performance Criteria

| <b>ELEMENT</b> | <b>PERFORMANCE CRITERIA</b> |
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| ELEMENT                                  | PERFORMANCE CRITERIA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| 1. Prepare for care of newborn and young | <p>1.1. Facilities, equipment and supplies needed to provide care are identified selected and prepared.</p> <p>1.2. Needs of newborn and young animals are assessed and prepared.</p> <p>1.3. Feeding routines are implemented and observed.</p> <p>1.4. Hygiene, health and environmental requirements are identified and maintained according to enterprise and legislative requirements.</p> <p>1.5. Newborn and young are appropriately identified and humanely handled as required according to enterprise requirements and industry standards.</p> |
| 2. Provide care for newborn and young    | <p>2.1. Feed and feed supplements are provided as required and according to enterprise and nutritional requirements.</p> <p>2.2. Relationship between mother and young is monitored where appropriate and strategies are implemented to address any problems.</p> <p>2.3. Feeding, water and shelter areas are maintained and monitored for correct operation, cleanliness and hygiene.</p> <p>2.4. Routine health and feeding problems, including digestive upsets and infections, are treated promptly.</p>                                            |
| 3. Monitor health of newborn and young   | <p>3.1. Newborn and young are monitored against benchmarks for growth, health and development.</p> <p>3.2. Appropriate action is taken for sick, weak, orphaned and injured, newborn and young.</p> <p>3.3. Assistance is sought for more complex health and feeding problems.</p> <p>3.4. Newborn and young requiring routine husbandry and health procedures are separated, treated and returned.</p> <p>3.5. Treatments and checks are carried out according to hygiene, enterprise, industry and legislative requirements.</p>                       |
| 4. Meet ongoing requirements             | <p>4.1. Young animals ready for weaning are identified and weaned according to enterprise procedures and weaning programs.</p> <p>4.2. Feeding requirements are identified and met.</p> <p>4.3. Animals are handled regularly as required.</p> <p>4.4. Records are kept and updated to meet enterprise and legislative requirements.</p> <p>4.5. All work is conducted safely and according to</p>                                                                                                                                                       |

| ELEMENT | PERFORMANCE CRITERIA                                                                                    |
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|         | enterprise requirements, Occupational Health and Safety (OHS), industry and animal welfare regulations. |

## Required Skills and Knowledge

### REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

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

#### Required skills

- identify hazards and implement safe work procedures
- weigh and assess condition of newborn and young animals
- work within animal welfare legislative requirements and enterprise and industry guidelines
- identify abnormal conditions and report or react promptly
- safely and humanely handle and care for newborn and young animals
- recognise signs of stress or ill health in newborn and young animals
- communicate with other personnel
- provide support as needed to veterinarians attending to sick newborn and young animals
- collect samples
- identify the young and their parent
- use feed, shelter and ventilation equipment
- calculate feed and dose rates
- 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

- newborn and young animals development and growth
- newborn and young animals feed, shelter and environmental requirements
- common deformities
- infection controls and treatment programs (working knowledge)
- significance of colostrum to livestock
- feeding systems
- shelter requirements
- weaning strategies
- husbandry procedures
- hygiene and cleanliness requirements

**REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE**

- relevant legislative animal welfare health and OHS requirements especially as they relate to safe animal handling techniques, feeding, animal treatments, and rearing and caring for newborn and young animals
- enterprise requirements for rearing of newborn and young animals and recording and reporting requirements.

## Evidence Guide

| <b>EVIDENCE GUIDE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| 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. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Overview of assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit</b>                                                                                                                    | <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>weigh and assess condition of newborn and young animals</li> <li>handle and care for newborn and young animals</li> <li>recognise signs of stress or ill health in newborn and young animals</li> <li>provide support as needed to veterinarians attending to sick newborn and young animals</li> <li>wean animals humanely and provide the necessary feed and shelter.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Context of and specific resources for assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                | 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

| <b>RANGE STATEMENT</b>                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| The range statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole. |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Livestock may include:                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>lamb</li> <li>calves</li> <li>kids</li> <li>pigs (suckers)</li> <li>alpacas (cria)</li> </ul> <p>This standard does not cover foals and chickens.</p> |

**Unit Sector(s)**

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| <b>Unit sector</b> | Livestock |
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**Co-requisite units**

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| <b>Co-requisite units</b> |  |  |
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**Competency field**

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