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AHCSHG202A Assist in preparing for shearing and crutching

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Modification History

Not Applicable

Unit Descriptor

Unit descriptor	This unit covers the process of assisting the owner/classer in the preparation of sheds and facilities prior to shearing and crutching operations and defines the standard required to: maintain a contaminant and hazard-free environment for shearing and wool handling; recognise and report Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) hazards; carry out minor maintenance and repairs to equipment and facilities; dispose of waste in an environmentally responsible manner; arrange and position shearing materials ready for shearing or crutching; place sheep in pens ready for shearing.
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Application of the Unit

Application of the unit	This unit applies to working under routine supervision with intermittent checking usually within a team environment.
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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 equipment	1.1. Facilities are inspected with owner/classer to determine the degree of preparation required. 1.2. Facilities and equipment are cleaned to industry standards and hazards are eliminated according to OHS requirements, and as directed. 1.3. Contaminating substances are identified, removed and disposed of according to enterprise and environmental requirements, and as instructed. 1.4. Equipment faults or malfunctions are reported to owner/classer. 1.5. Suitable personal protective equipment is selected, used and maintained according to OHS requirements
2. Arrange equipment and materials	2.1. Equipment is positioned according to owner/classers requirements. 2.2. Bins/wool packs are arranged according to instructions. 2.3. Brooms/scrapers are positioned according to requirements.
3. Identify hazards and dispose of contaminants	3.1. Potential and existing hazards are identified and reported to owner/classer. 3.2. Directions of owner/classer are followed in eliminating hazards.
4. Pen sheep	4.1. Work is undertaken in conjunction with shed manager/other shed staff, to ensure sheep are penned for shearing or crutching.

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

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

Required skills

- maintain contamination and hazard-free environment for shearing and wool handling
- recognise and report OHS hazards
- carry out minor maintenance and repairs to equipment and facilities as directed
- disposal of waste in an environmentally responsible manner as directed
- communicate verbally with owner/classer and follow instructions

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- use literacy skills to follow sequenced written instructions and record information accurately and legibly
- use oral communication skills/language competence to fulfil the job role as specified by the organisation including questioning, active listening, asking for clarification and seeking advice from supervisor
- use numeracy skills to estimate, calculate and record routine workplace measures
- use interpersonal skills to relate to people from a range of social, cultural and ethnic backgrounds and with a range of physical and mental abilities.

Required knowledge

- maintenance and hygiene requirements of shearing sheds, boards and catching pens
- OHS legislative requirements
- environmental procedures
- Quality Assurance (QA) procedures
- National codes of practice for the Shearing Industry (Health, Safety and Welfare standards).

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: • maintain a contaminant and hazard-free environment for shearing and wool handling • recognise and report OHS hazards • carry out minor maintenance and repairs to equipment and facilities • dispose of waste in an environmentally responsible manner • arrange and position shearing materials ready for shearing or crutching • place sheep in pens ready for shearing.
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.	
Sheds and facilities may include:	• all parts of the shearing and wool handling area of the shearing shed, and the equipment used.

Unit Sector(s)

Unit sector	Shearing
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Co-requisite units

Co-requisite units		

Competency field

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