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Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

AHCSHG207A Shear goats

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Modification History

Not Applicable

Unit Descriptor

Unit descriptor	This unit covers the process of catching, handling and shearing goats and defines the standard required to: load and prepare handpiece and ensure combs and cutters are sharp; catch goat and move into position for shearing; shear goats using industry accepted methods and procedures; avoid damage to goats and fleece; recognise problem and diseased goats and apply treatments; avoid contamination in the fibre and assist in keeping stained fibre separate; disengage handpiece and release goat after shearing.
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Application of the Unit

Application of the unit	This unit applies to the processes involved with shearing goats and is usually conducted within established routines, methods and procedures.
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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 shearing	1.1. Shearing equipment is checked for correct operation prior to shearing session. 1.2. Goats to be shorn are identified, caught and moved according to Occupational Health and Safety (OHS), animal welfare and enterprise requirements. 1.3. Goats are positioned for shearing according to industry agreed shearing methods. 1.4. Potential and existing hazards in the workplace are identified, assessed and controlled according to OHS requirements. 1.5. Suitable personal protective equipment is selected, used and maintained according to OHS and enterprise requirements.
2. Perform shearing operations	2.1. Shearing equipment is prepared in readiness for shearing operations. 2.2. Goats are shorn using identified positions according to industry standards. 2.3. Shearing methods ensure that damage to the goat and fleece is minimised and that the volume of shearing meets enterprise requirements. 2.4. Safe and humane handling techniques are used at all times according to OHS and animal welfare requirements.
3. Respond to complications	3.1. Contamination is identified during shearing operations and reported to owner according to enterprise requirements. 3.2. Cuts to goats are treated according to industry standards and animal welfare requirements. 3.3. Problem goats are identified and reported according to industry and enterprise requirements.
4. Complete shearing operation	4.1. Fibre is placed to avoid contamination and for collection by handlers according to enterprise and industry requirements. 4.2. Handpiece is set to non-operational position and stored according to manufacturer's specifications and enterprise requirements. 4.3. Goats are safely released from the board into the count-out pens. 4.4. Shearing grievances and difficulties are reported according to enterprise requirements. 4.5. Environmental implications associated with shearing activities are monitored and controlled according to

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	enterprise requirements.

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 practices
- select and operate equipment appropriate to shearing tasks
- shear goats using industry accepted methods and procedures
- avoid contamination, second cuts and damage to fleece, goats and people
- appropriately treat injured goats
- handle goats with due care
- demonstrate safe and environmentally responsible workplace practices
- maintain safe and hazard-free equipment
- read and interpret Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs), manufacturer's specifications and shearing schedules
- effectively communicate with work teams and supervisor, and comprehend and apply task instructions
- 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

- types of shearing sheds, boards and catching pens
- components and functions of shearing equipment and machinery
- industry accepted handling and shearing techniques and positions
- goat anatomy and behavioural characteristics
- goat diseases and treatments
- environmental codes of practice with regard to livestock production
- OHS and animal welfare legislative requirements
- codes of practice for goat shearing

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- relevant industry awards.

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: • load and prepare handpiece and ensure combs and cutters are sharp • catch goat and move into position for shearing • shear goats using industry accepted methods and procedures • avoid damage to goats and fleece • recognise problem and diseased goats, and apply treatments • avoid contamination in the fibre and assist in keeping stained fibre separate • disengage handpiece and release goat after 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.	
Animals may include:	• all types of non shedding goats in all shearing shed sizes and configurations.

Unit Sector(s)

Unit sector	Shearing
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Co-requisite units

Co-requisite units		

Competency field

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