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AHCWOL101A Support woolshed activities

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Modification History

Not Applicable

Unit Descriptor

Unit descriptor	This unit covers supporting woolshed activities and defines the standard required to: prepare basic tools and equipment; provide support to shearing and crutching; assist with wool handling and clean up woolshed.
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Application of the Unit

Application of the unit	This unit applies to the provision of support to others during shearing operations.
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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 materials, tools and equipment for woolshed activities	1.1. The required materials, tools and equipment are identified according to lists provided and/or supervisor's instructions. 1.2. Checks are conducted on all materials, tools and equipment with insufficient or faulty items reported to the supervisor. 1.3. Techniques used when loading and unloading materials demonstrate correct manual handling and minimise damage to the load and the vehicle. 1.4. Suitable Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is selected and checked prior to use. 1.5. Support for woolshed activities is provided according to Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements and according to workplace information. 1.6. OHS hazards are identified and reported to the supervisor.
2. Undertake woolshed activities as directed	2.1. Instructions and directions provided by supervisor are followed and clarification sought when necessary. 2.2. Work is undertaken in a safe and environmentally appropriate manner according to enterprise guidelines. 2.3. Interactions with other workers and owner/classers are carried out in a positive and professional manner. 2.4. Animals are moved into pens as directed. 2.5. Board duties are undertaken as directed. 2.6. Support is provided to wool sorting, replacing butts and wool pressing as directed. 2.7. Enterprise policy and procedures in relation to workplace practices, handling and disposal of materials is observed. 2.8. Problems or difficulties in completing work to required standards or timelines are reported to supervisor.
3. Handle materials and equipment	3.1. Waste material produced during woolshed activities is stored in a designated area according to supervisor's instructions. 3.2. Materials, equipment and machinery are handled and transported according to supervisor's instructions and enterprise guidelines. 3.3. A clean and safe work site is maintained while

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	completing woolshed activities.
4. Clean up on completion of woolshed activities	4.1. Materials are returned to store or disposed of according to supervisor's instructions. 4.2. Tools and equipment are cleaned, maintained and stored according to manufacturer's specifications and supervisor's instructions. 4.3. Work outcomes are reported to the supervisor.

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

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

Required skills

- follow safe work procedures
- prepare materials, tools and equipment for woolshed activities
- undertake woolshed activities as directed
- handle materials and equipment
- clean up on completion of woolshed activities
- use literacy skills to read and follow a range of basic instructions
- use oral communication skills/language competence to communicate effectively with others
- use numeracy skills to complete basic calculations
- use interpersonal skills to work with and relate to people from a range of cultural, social and religious backgrounds.

Required knowledge

- safe work practices
- sheep breeds and wool types
- shearing tools and equipment
- basic wool handling practices
- relevant federal, state/territory industrial awards
- OHS, environmental protection and animal welfare legislative and enterprise requirements.

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 basic tools and equipment • provide support to shearing and crutching • assist with wool handling • clean up woolshed.
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.	
Woolshed activities may include:	• assisting with crutching and shearing such as: • penning and catching sheep • cleaning up duties as directed by the shearer.
Wool handling may include:	• assisting with wool handling and classing such as: • sorting crutchings • moving fleece • cleaning up duties as directed by the wool handler or classer.
General work may include:	• assisting with general roustabout duties in a woolshed as directed.

RANGE STATEMENT	
Tools and equipment may include:	• brooms • knives • sack trucks.
Hazards may include:	• dust • noise • air -borne micro-organisms • sharp hand tools and equipment • manual handling • slippery surfaces • obstacles • tripping hazards • presses • overhead gear and other machinery • working shearers • electric leads and cables • changes in floor level • continual bending and reaching • fumes • smoke and exhaust gases from machinery • ammonia from animal urine • zoonoses.

Unit Sector(s)

Unit sector	Wool
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Co-requisite units

Co-requisite units		

Competency field

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