



Australian Government

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

AHCWOL312A Class goat fibre

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Modification History

Not Applicable

Unit Descriptor

Unit descriptor	This unit covers the process of preparing and carrying out the classing of goat fibre and defines the standard required to layout the shed and equipment for efficient operation; establish and maintain consistent methods of clip preparation to maximise returns; accurately assess fibre quality and types; maintain clean working conditions for clip preparation and classing procedures; identify and dispose of contaminated and wet fibre; communicate verbally with the work team.
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Application of the Unit

Application of the unit	This unit is carried out unsupervised after consultation with the grower or shed manager. Responsibility for the work of others is an important component. Classing goat fibre requires a broad range of skills and knowledge and an ability to coordinate and monitor activities efficiently and effectively.
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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 fibre classing	1.1.Clip preparation methods and classing criteria are confirmed according to enterprise requirements. 1.2.Shed layout, facilities and equipment are arranged for efficient fibre flow and pressing. 1.3.Contaminants and sources of contaminants, are identified, removed and disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner.
2. Class goat fibre	2.1.Suitable personal protective equipment is selected, used and maintained according to Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements. 2.2.Clip is prepared according to enterprise requirements and checked for contamination. 2.3.Fibre is classed according to classing criteria, industry standards, and relevant national codes of practice.
3. Complete classing activities	3.1.Fibre is placed in the correct bins in readiness for pressing. 3.2.Wet fibre is identified and dried according to enterprise requirements. 3.3.Work area is cleaned and waste disposed of according to OHS and 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 apply safe work procedures
- establish and maintain consistent methods of clip preparation
- class fibre to industry standards
- layout the shed and equipment for efficient operation
- maintain clean working conditions for clip preparation and classing procedures
- accurately assess fibre quality and types
- measure goat fibre
- 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

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- 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

- fleece measurement criteria
- appraisement types
- fleece handling procedures
- clip analysis reports and comparisons
- classing specifications
- code of practice for Preparation of Australian Cashmere, Cashgora Fleece and Mohair
- sources of fleece contamination
- requirements of the code of practice for animal welfare
- OHS legislative requirements including the National code 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:

- layout the shed and equipment for efficient operation
- establish and maintain consistent methods of clip preparation to maximise returns
- accurately assess fibre quality and types
- maintain clean working conditions for clip preparation and classing procedures
- identify and dispose of contaminated and wet fibre
- communicate verbally with the work team.

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.

Goat fibre may include:

- all breeds and types of goats producing cashmere, cashgora or mohair fibre.

Unit Sector(s)

Unit sector

Wool

Co-requisite units

Co-requisite units		

Competency field

Competency field	
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