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AMPA2043 Operate head splitter

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Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge necessary to split skulls prior to the recovery of brains.

This unit is applicable to workers operating a mechanical head splitting machine in a meat processing plant. Head splitting is undertaken to facilitate the recovery of brains.

All work should be carried out to comply with workplace and hygiene requirements.

This unit applies to individuals who work under general supervision, exercise limited autonomy and have some accountability for their own work.

No occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements are known to apply to this unit at the time of publication.

This unit must be delivered and assessed in the context of Australian meat processing standards and regulations.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil.

Unit Sector

Elements and Performance Criteria

Element	Performance criteria
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Split heads	1.1 Perform pre-operational checks according to workplace requirements 1.2 Operate head splitter according to work instruction and relevant Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) 1.3 Operate head splitter according to workplace health and safety

Element	Performance criteria
	requirements 1.4 Monitor head splitting and report problems to supervisor 1.5 Store split head according to workplace requirements

Foundation Skills

Foundation Skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

Unit Mapping Information

This unit is equivalent to MTMP2050B Operate head splitter.

Links

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Assessment Requirements for AMPA2043 Operate head splitter

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Performance Evidence

The candidate must split skulls prior to the recovery of brains.

The candidate must:

- perform pre-operational checks
- operate head splitter hygienically and safely
- identify potential workplace health and safety hazards
- store split heads hygienically according to workplace requirements
- report equipment faults to supervisor either verbally or in writing in accordance with workplace requirements
- apply relevant regulatory requirements
- use communication skills relevant to work instructions and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate a basic factual, technical and procedural knowledge of:

- standard of head splitting required to meet Quality Assurance (QA) requirements
- relevant work instructions and SOPs
- relevant regulatory requirements
- potential sources of contamination and measures to minimise contamination

Assessment Conditions

Assessment must be conducted in an operating meat processing plant.

Competency must be demonstrated at normal production speed.

As a minimum, the following three forms of assessment must be used:

- quiz of underpinning knowledge
- workplace demonstration
- workplace referee or third-party report of performance over time

Assessors must satisfy the current standards for RTOs.

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