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AMPLSK302 Assess cattle according to industry standards

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Modification History

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Release 1	This version released with Australian Meat Processing Training Package Version 8.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to assess and describe cattle utilising industry standards.

The unit applies to workers in the livestock industry who prepare or utilise assessments of cattle as part of their duties as market reporters, or as livestock vendors, livestock buyers or lairage managers at a meat processing premises. It includes using AUS-MEAT standards and Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) guidelines and applying them consistently when assessing and describing cattle.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety and animal welfare regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.

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

Mandatory workplace requirements apply to the assessment of this unit.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Livestock (LSK)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Move in and around cattle handling facilities	1.1 Identify workplace health and safety risks that exist when working in and around cattle

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safely	1.2 Select, fit and wear appropriate personal protective clothing and equipment 1.3 Move safely around cattle, using designated walkways and viewing platforms if available
2. Assess stock	2.1 Identify cattle breeds, sex and age 2.2 Describe cattle according to MLA breed classifications 2.3 Visually assess and describe cattle according to AUS-MEAT standard descriptions for sex, dentition and age 2.4 Visually assess cattle in terms of live weight and dressed weight using estimated dressing percentages 2.5 Estimate cattle fat score using accepted fat score tables 2.6 Estimate cattle muscle score using accepted indicators 2.7 Prepare estimates of skin values for a specific lot of cattle
3. Complete reports	3.1 Prepare a record of livestock assessment 3.2 Describe cattle according to the MLA stock classifications 3.3 Utilise AUS-MEAT and MLA standards, prefixes and terminology to workplace accuracy requirements

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Reading	Interpret operating manuals for cattle and carcase assessment
Writing	- Complete digital and/or paper-based livestock assessment reports - Use electronic media as appropriate to the task
Oral communication	- Interact effectively with saleyard or abattoir personnel - Clarify information when required
Numeracy	- Estimate weights of cattle (kg) - Estimate dressing percentages (%)

Skill	Description
	• Use standard formulae to determine carcase weight • Identify muscle and fat scores (including mm)

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AMPLSK302 Assess cattle according to industry standards	AMPA3139 Prepare market reports - cattle	Unit code and title updated Mandatory workplace requirements clarified Revised Performance Criteria, Foundation Skills, Knowledge Evidence, Performance Evidence and Assessment Conditions	Not equivalent

Links

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Assessment Requirements for AMPLSK302 Assess cattle according to industry standards

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Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has assessed at least five pens of cattle on two different occasions at an abattoir, property or saleyard, using AUS-MEAT industry standards and regulations and Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) guidelines, including:

- worked safely around cattle
- handled cattle according to animal welfare regulations and requirements
- prepared a livestock assessment report using appropriate industry terms.

Mandatory workplace requirements

All performance evidence specified above must be demonstrated in an operating cattle property, saleyard or abattoir.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- the Australian cattle industry, including the distribution of cattle throughout Australia, key markets and stakeholders
- purpose of livestock assessment
- purpose of having a standardised livestock assessment language
- the cattle assessment process
- role of AUS-MEAT and MLA
- MLA guidelines
- AUS-MEAT industry standards and regulations
- AUS-MEAT sales prefixes and breed classifications
- methods of determining age
- cattle classification or scoring system, including sales prefixes
- cattle fat and muscle scores

- abnormalities that may affect price and potentially affect carcase value
- workplace health and safety hazards involved in working in and around cattle and handling facilities
- correct use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- safe work practices for working in and around cattle
- definition and importance of animal welfare for cattle in the supply chain.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - *skills must be demonstrated in an operating cattle property, saleyard or abattoir*
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - *cattle to be assessed*
 - *PPE*
- specifications:
 - *AUS-MEAT industry standards and regulations*
 - *MLA guidelines*
 - *formats/templates for reporting*
- timeframes:
 - *within typical operating conditions for the workplace.*

Assessment for this unit must include at least three forms of evidence.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards. Assessors can utilise e-technology to support assessments.

Mandatory workplace requirements

Mandatory workplace requirements are shown in *italic* text. Refer to the Companion Volume Implementation Guide for further information.

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