



Australian Government

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

MTMP2004A Feed race

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Modification History

Not Applicable

Unit Descriptor

Unit descriptor	This unit covers the skills and knowledge required to move animals along a race and into the slaughter floor.
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Application of the Unit

Application of the unit	This unit is applicable to workers responsible for feeding stock from pens to the slaughter floor at abattoirs and knackeries.
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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

Elements describe the essential outcomes of a unit of competency.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. Where bold italicised text is used, further information is detailed in the required skills and knowledge section and the range statement. Assessment of performance is to be consistent with the evidence guide.
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Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
1. Feed race	1.1. Animals are fed into race effectively and humanely in accordance with workplace and regulatory requirements. 1.2. Goads are used in accordance with workplace requirements. 1.3. Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) requirements are identified and complied with. 1.4. Animal welfare requirements are identified and met. 1.5. Stock is segregated in accordance with work instructions. 1.6. Requirements for mob separation are identified and complied with.

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

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

Required skills

Ability to:

- feed the race to maintain production requirements
- feed the race without causing undue stress to the animals
- maintain segregation according to workplace requirements
- maintain the flow of animals to meet production requirements
- use goads in accordance with work instructions, OH&S and animal welfare requirements
- restrain the animal to workplace and OH&S requirements
- apply relevant **communication skills**
- cooperate and communicate with other stock handlers to move stock
- work effectively as an individual and as part of a team
- take action to improve own work performance as a result of self-evaluation, feedback from others, or in response to changed work practices or technology

Required knowledge

- animal welfare requirements
- correct use of goads
- regulatory requirements for segregation (e.g. cattle for the European Union)

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- required segregation of animals
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and work instructions relevant to feeding the race
- workplace requirements related to feeding the race and the reasons for these requirements
- characteristics of breeds, sex and age of animals as they relate to work duties

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

The meat industry has specific and clear requirements for evidence. A minimum of three forms of evidence is required to demonstrate competency in the meat industry. This is specifically designed to provide evidence that covers the demonstration in the workplace of all aspects of competency over time.

These requirements are in addition to the requirements for valid, current, authentic and sufficient evidence.

Three forms of evidence means three different kinds of evidence - not three pieces of the same kind. In practice it will mean that most of the unit is covered twice. This increases the legitimacy of the evidence.

All assessment must be conducted against Australian meat industry standards and regulations.

Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

Competency must be demonstrated while complying with workplace and regulatory requirements and at normal production speed at the plant.

Context of, and specific resources for assessment

The skills component of this unit must be assessed at a functioning abattoir.

Method of assessment

Recommended methods of assessment include:

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

Assessment practices should take into account any relevant language or cultural issues related to Aboriginality or Torres Strait Islander, gender, or language backgrounds other than English. Language and literacy demands of the assessment task should not be higher than those of the work role.

Guidance information for assessment

A current list of resources for this unit of competency is available from MINTRAC www.mintrac.com.au or

EVIDENCE GUIDE

telephone 1800 817 462.

Range Statement**RANGE STATEMENT**

The range statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole. It allows for different work environments and situations that may affect performance. Bold italicised wording, if used in the performance criteria, is detailed below. Essential operating conditions that may be present with training and assessment (depending on the work situation, needs of the candidate, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts) may also be included.

<i>Animal</i> applies to:	- all livestock of various temperaments from very tame to wild and unused to human contact or handling procedures - all species and breeds of livestock (also all ages) handled in an establishment for slaughter.
<i>Workplace requirements</i> may include:	- enterprise-specific requirements - OH&S requirements - Quality Assurance requirements - SOPs - the ability to perform the task to production requirements - work instructions.
<i>Regulatory requirements</i> may include:	- all domestic and importing countries' animal welfare Standards and legislation - Export Control Act - hygiene and sanitation requirements - relevant regulations - requirements set out in AS 4696:2007 Australian Standard for Hygienic Production and Transportation of Meat and Meat Products for Human Consumption - state and territory regulations regarding meat processing.
<i>OH&S requirements</i> may include:	- enterprise OH&S policies, procedures and programs - OH&S legal requirements - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) which

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	may include: • coats and aprons • ear plugs or muffs • eye and facial protection • head-wear • lifting assistance • mesh aprons • protective boot covers • protective hand and arm covering • protective head and hair covering • uniforms • waterproof clothing • work, safety or waterproof footwear • requirements set out in standards and codes of practice.
Communication skills may include:	• listening and understanding • sharing information • speaking clearly and directly • working and communicating with diverse individuals and groups.

Unit Sector(s)

Unit sector	
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Co-requisite units

Co-requisite units	

Competency field

Competency field	
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