



Australian Government

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

MTMP2153C Salt hide or skin

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Unit Descriptor

Unit descriptor	This unit covers the skills and knowledge required to salt hides or skins.
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Application of the Unit

Application of the unit	This unit is applicable to workers in hide/skin sheds attached to abattoirs or knackereries.
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Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not Applicable

Pre-Requisites

Prerequisite units	Nil	

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. Salt hide or skin	1.1. Hide or skin is salted and handled in accordance with workplace and Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) requirements. 1.2. Hides are inspected prior to and after salting to ensure specifications are met. 1.3. Salting process is monitored in accordance with workplace requirements.
2. Store and monitor hides or pelts	2.1. Salted hide or skin is stored or palletised in accordance with customer specifications and workplace requirements.

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

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

Required skills

Ability to:

- process and salt hides in accordance with workplace and OH&S requirements
- monitor salt processing of hides
- inspect hides to ensure specifications are met
- handle hides or skins in accordance with workplace and OH&S requirements
- work effectively as an individual and as part of a team
- apply relevant **regulatory requirements**
- 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
- use relevant **communication skills**

Required knowledge

Knowledge of:

- methods of stacking and storing hides or pelts to meet workplace and customer requirements
- methods of **treating animal coverings**
- specifications for salting and storage of hides
- steps in processing animal skins, hides or pelts
- steps in salting hides

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- workplace, OH&S and Quality Assurance (QA) requirements related to salting hides
- relevant regulatory 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

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 at the normal rate of skin processing.

Context of, and specific resources for assessment

Assessment must be conducted in an operating skin shed.

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.

EVIDENCE GUIDE**Guidance information for assessment**

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

Workplace requirements may include:

- enterprise-specific requirements
- OH&S requirements
- QA requirements
- Standard Operating Procedures
- the ability to perform the task to production requirements
- work instructions.

OH&S requirements may include:

- enterprise OH&S policies, procedures and programs
- OH&S legal requirements
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) which may include:
 - coat and apron
 - ear plugs or muffs
 - eye and facial protection
 - head-wear
 - lifting assistance
 - mesh apron
 - protective boot covers
 - protective hand and arm covering
 - protective head and hair covering
 - uniforms
 - waterproof clothing
 - work, safety or waterproof footwear

RANGE STATEMENT	
	requirements set out in standards, codes of practice etc.
Regulatory requirements may include:	- 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.
Communication skills may include:	- listening and understanding - reading and interpreting workplace-related documentation - sharing information - speaking clearly and directly - working with diverse individuals and groups.
Treatment may include:	- brine curing - fleshing - salting or drying.
Animal coverings may include:	- feathers - hair - hide - skins - wool.

Unit Sector(s)

Unit sector	
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Co-requisite units

Co-requisite units	

Competency field

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