



Australian Government

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

MTMP3045B Undertake retain rail

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Unit Descriptor

Unit descriptor	This unit covers the skills and knowledge required to perform retain rail operations to remove contamination, pathology and dressing defects identified by inspection staff.
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Application of the Unit

Application of the unit	This unit is applicable to workers on a slaughter floor or in a game processing plant.
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Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not Applicable

Pre-Requisites

Prerequisite units		
	MTMPSR203A	Sharpen knives

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. Trim carcase on retain rail	1.1. Retain rail procedure is identified and explained. 1.2. Defects that need trimming are identified under a meat inspector's supervision. 1.3. Defects are trimmed in accordance with work instructions and meat inspector's direction. 1.4. Defects are trimmed in accordance with hygiene and sanitation requirements. 1.5. Defects are trimmed in accordance with Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) requirements. 1.6. Inspectors' requests are satisfied and yield maximised when defects are trimmed. 1.7. Trimmings are disposed of in accordance with 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:

- trim defects on carcases (on retain rail) in accordance with meat inspector's or Quality Assurance (QA) officer's direction and work instructions
- demonstrate trim which meets regulatory requirements but maintains yield
- dispose of trim in accordance with work instructions
- apply relevant **communication skills**
- work effectively as an individual and as part of a team
- apply relevant **regulatory requirements**
- provide and accept feedback in order to improve performance from colleagues and meat inspectors

Required knowledge

Knowledge of:

- potential sources of contamination or cross-contamination
- retain rail procedures

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- relevant regulatory requirements
- types of defects which result in carcasses being retained

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 when the chain is working at the normal rate of production.

Context of, and specific resources for assessment

Assessment must be undertaken in an operating abattoir or game processing plant.

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.

Hygiene and sanitation requirements may include:

- relevant government regulations
- workplace requirements.

OH&S requirements may include:

- enterprise OH&S policies, procedures and programs
- OH&S legal requirements
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) which may include:
 - 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.

Workplace requirements may include:

- enterprise-specific requirements
- OH&S requirements
- Quality Assurance (QA) requirements

RANGE STATEMENT	
	• Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) • the ability to perform the task to production requirements • work instructions.
Communication skills may include:	• listening and understanding • speaking clearly and directly • sharing information • working with diverse individuals and groups.
Regulatory requirements may include:	• Export Control Act • hygiene and sanitation requirements • relevant Australian Standards • relevant regulations • requirements set out in AS 4696:2007 Australian Standard for Hygienic Production and Transportation of Meat and Meat Products for Human Consumption • federal, state and territory regulations regarding meat processing.

Unit Sector(s)

Unit sector	
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Co-requisite units

Co-requisite units		

Competency field

Competency field	
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