Modification history

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| Release | Comments |
| Release 2 | This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Release 11.0. |
| Release 1 | This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Release 7.0. |

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| AHCLSK340 | Mate and monitor reproduction of alpacas |
| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to mate and monitor the reproduction of alpacas.  The unit applies to individuals who mate alpacas and monitor hembra performance under broad direction and take responsibility for their own work.  All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace, and animal welfare legislation, regulations, standards and guidelines, and sustainability and biosecurity practices.  In addition to legal responsibilities, all units of competency dealing with animals in the AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package have the requirements for animals to be handled humanely to minimise stress and discomfort.  No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication. |
| Pre-requisite Unit | Nil |
| Unit Sector | Livestock (LSK) |

| Elements | Performance Criteria |
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| Elements describe the essential outcomes. | Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. |
| 1. Prepare animals for mating | 1.1 Select male and female animals to be mated from the studs' mating plan  1.2 Identify potential hazards and risks, and implement safe working practices to address risks  1.3 Select, fit, use and maintain personal protective equipment applicable to task  1.4 Determine and record condition of animals selected for mating according to industry practices  1.5 Adjust nutritional program where required and monitor to produce optimum condition for mating  1.6 Prepare over-fleeced females to ensure that tail and vulva area are clean and free of fleece  1.7 Check animals for signs of infection or other reason not to proceed with planned mating, and take remedial action as appropriate |
| 2. Facilitate mating | 2.1 Identify receptive females  2.2 Ensure paddock or pen mating areas are secure and provide access for handlers during joining  2.3 Use mating procedures and handling techniques that minimise stress and discomfort to animals according to workplace health and safety requirements and animal welfare practices  2.4 Supervise pen mating and intervene when required to maximise conception rates |
| 3. Complete mating procedures | 3.1 Undertake or commission pregnancy test and identify pregnancy status of animals and take suitable action as required  3.2 Complete required mating records |

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| 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 |
| Writing | * Use clear language, accurate industry terminology and logical structure to prepare mating records |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current release | Code and title previous release | Comments | Equivalence status |
| AHCLSK340 Mate and monitor reproduction of alpacas Release 2 | AHCLSK340 Mate and monitor reproduction of alpacas Release 1 | Minor edit to application  Assessment requirements, minor edit to knowledge evidence | Equivalent |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for AHCLSK340 Mate and monitor reproduction of alpacas |
| 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 mated and monitored reproduction of alpacas on at least one occasion, and has:   * scored alpaca condition * monitored the condition of female and male alpacas * recognised ovulation in females * supervised alpaca mating and assisted as appropriate * conducted a spit off * conducted and commissioned pregnancy tests * identified and implemented action required as a result of pregnancy tests * applied relevant workplace health and safety legislation, regulations and workplace procedures * followed workplace animal welfare practices and identified hazards and risks. | |

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| Knowledge Evidence |
| An individual must be able to demonstrate knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:   * workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for mating and monitoring alpacas, including appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE) * principles and practices of mating and monitoring alpacas, including:   alpaca handling and assisted joining techniques  alpaca health and abnormalities  alpaca movement and behavioural characteristics  workplace and industry identification system for alpaca  workplace and industry policies regarding recording and reporting routines for mating  management of female and male body condition score through nutrition programs  Johne's disease status mating procedures  mobile mating procedures  pregnancy testing techniques, including detection of ovulation  animal welfare practices relevant to mating and monitoring alpacas. |

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| Assessment Conditions |
| Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions:   a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions   * resources, equipment and materials:   work instructions and workplace procedures applicable to mating and monitoring alpacas  live alpacas  materials, tools and equipment applicable to mating and monitoring alpacas  PPE applicable to mating and monitoring alpacas   * specifications:   workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for mating and monitoring alpacas  legislation, regulations, standards, guidelines and procedures for animal welfare applicable to mating and monitoring alpacas   * timeframes:   according to job requirements.  Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards. |

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