Modification history

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

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| AHCLSK225 | Identify and mark livestock |
| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to carry out the identification and marking of livestock.  The unit applies to individuals who work under general supervision and exercise limited autonomy with some accountability for their own work. They identify and provide solutions to a limited range of predictable problems.  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 to identify and mark animals | 1.1 Discuss work requirements with supervisor and seek clarification where necessary  1.2 Prepare and use equipment according to supervisor instructions and safe working practices  1.3 Select and prepare materials and preventative health treatments, and ensure adequate quantities for required task according to supervisor instructions  1.4 Identify, clean and prepare sites and facilities for marking  1.5 Identify workplace health and safety hazards and report to supervisor  1.6 Select, fit, use and maintain personal protective equipment (PPE) applicable to task  1.7 Check and report faulty or unsafe equipment, materials or PPE to supervisor |
| 2. Identify and mark animals | 2.1 Identify, draft and move animals using good stock handling techniques in readiness for identifying and marking  2.2 Carry out animal identification and marking operations according to workplace procedures and animal welfare practices  2.3 Dispose of livestock residues and other waste according to environmental practices and supervisor instructions |
| 3. Complete identification and marking operation | 3.1 Tally and record animal numbers during and on completion of operations according to supervisor instructions  3.2 Prepare and move animals along a planned route using good stock handling techniques  3.3 Clean and maintain site and facilities used  3.4 Return materials and unused treatments to store or dispose of according to workplace environment and biosecurity policies and procedures  3.5 Clean, maintain and store equipment according to supervisor instructions  3.6 Report work outcomes, and faults, wear or damage of equipment to supervisor  3.7 Monitor livestock behaviour and welfare post-operations, and mother-up young animals if required |

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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 record disease incidence and treatments |
| Oral communication | * Use clear language to report malfunctions, faults, wear or damage to equipment, and livestock health and welfare issues and treatments * Respond to questions and clarify information |
| Numeracy | * Interpret basic numerical measurements and quantities as required for the identification and marking of livestock |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current release | Code and title previous release | Comments | Equivalence status |
| AHCLSK225 Identify and mark livestock | AHCLSK206 Identify and mark livestock | Minor changes to application  Minor changes to elements and performance criteria  Foundation skills added  Assessment requirements updated | Equivalent |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for AHCLSK225 Identify and mark livestock |
| 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 identified and marked livestock on at least two occasions, and has:   * followed relevant workplace health and safety and environment and biosecurity legislation, regulations and workplace procedures * followed relevant animal welfare practices * prepared and maintained appropriate sites and facilities used for identification and marking * handled livestock using good stock handling techniques * prepared, operated and maintained equipment * determined identification and marking methods * carried out identification and marking operations according to workplace procedures * monitored animal behaviour and welfare post-marking * mothered-up animals and their young if required * tallied and recorded animal numbers during and on completion of marking operations. | |

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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 identifying and marking livestock, including appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE) * environment and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices relevant to identifying and marking livestock * principles and practices for identifying and marking livestock, including:   components and functions of animal handling and marking equipment  animal identification systems and marking methods  animal preventative health requirements and procedures  relevant livestock behaviour  good stock handling techniques  animal welfare practices relevant to identifying and marking livestock  basic livestock health and nutritional requirements. |

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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 identifying and marking livestock  treatments, materials and equipment applicable to identifying and marking livestock  PPE applicable to identifying and marking livestock  livestock   * specifications:   workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for identifying and marking livestock  environment and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices applicable to identifying and marking livestock  legislation, regulations, standards, guidelines and procedures for animal welfare applicable to identifying and marking livestock   * relationships:   supervisor   * time frames:   according to job requirements.  Assessment of this unit must be conducted on live animals.  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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