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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| AHCSHG308 | Prepare livestock for shearing |
| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to sort and prepare livestock for shearing.  This unit applies to individuals who work under broad direction and take responsibility for their own work, including limited responsibility for the work of others. They use discretion and judgement in the selection and use of available resources.  All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety, biosecurity and environmental sustainability regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.  No licensing, legislative or certification requirements are known to apply to this unit at the time of publication. |
| Pre-requisite Unit | Nil |
| Unit Sector | Shearing (SHG) |

| 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. Sort livestock for shearing | 1.1 Locate, identify and confirm livestock as specified in shearing plan  1.2 Muster livestock and move to shearing facilities in line with animal welfare policies and codes of practice  1.3 Identify and remove any contaminants to the wool clip that may be present in the sheep yards  1.4 Sort, count and yard livestock according to workplace procedures  1.5 Identify livestock with pigmented fleece and cull for separate shearing operations  1.6 Communicate with wool harvesting team members and identify potential and existing hazards, assess risks and implement control measures in line with work health and safety (WHS) and biosecurity policies  1.7 Select, use and maintain suitable personal protective equipment (PPE) and ensure correct fit |
| 2. Prepare livestock for shearing | 2.1 Check shearing, cleaning and drenching equipment for correct operation according to workplace requirements  2.2 Identify the need for livestock pre-shearing crutch and report to relevant person  2.3 Remove contaminated and urine stain wool and dispose of appropriately according with workplace procedures  2.4 Take livestock off feed and water to allow emptying out before shearing  2.5 Monitor livestock density to minimise risk of pen stain |
| 3. Monitor livestock | 3.1 Provide and maintain feed and water supplies for livestock  3.2 Provide and maintain suitable shelter for livestock  3.3 Monitor livestock condition and health status for evidence of sickness, and record or report as per workplace requirements  3.4 Monitor and control environmental implications associated with shearing activities |

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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 |
| Oral communication | * Use clear language and industry terminology to relay information pertaining to shearing * Use cooperative communication practices when communicating with wool harvesting team members |
| Numeracy | * Estimate and apply time requirements to achieve the required output |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current release | Code and title previous release | Comments | Equivalence status |
| AHCSHG308 Prepare livestock for shearing | AHCSHG301 Prepare livestock for shearing | Application wording clarified  Changes to performance criteria for clarification  Foundation skills information added  Changes to performance evidence to specify volume and frequency  Knowledge evidence specificity added, and other wording clarified  Assessment conditions clarified | Equivalent |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for AHCSHG308 Prepare livestock for shearing |
| 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:   * selected equipment appropriate to crutching and shearing tasks on two occasions * organised crutching and shearing operations on two occasions * mustered, moved, drafted and handled livestock in compliance with animal welfare requirements on two occasions. | |

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| Knowledge Evidence |
| An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:   * different types and purposes of shearing boards, yards and catching pens * components and functions of shearing, cleaning and drenching equipment * handling, mustering and movement techniques * livestock breeds, including:   merino  crossbreeds   * nutritional and hygiene requirements, including:   fresh, clean water  appropriate pasture  assessing if supplement feed is required  access to salt and mineral blocks  observing behaviour and physical condition of sheep  checking for signs of illness or injury and taking appropriate preventative action  suitable shelter   * possible fleece contaminants and types of pigmentation faults, including:   pigmented fibre contamination  chemical and brands contaminants  non-wool contaminants (baling twine, wire)  heavy urine and faecal stains  mixed sheep breeds present  moisture levels caused by climate   * biosecurity and environment legislation and codes of practice applying to the job role * work health and safety (WHS) legislation and codes of practice applying to the job role * animal welfare legislation and codes of practice applying to the job role * personal protective equipment (PPE), and when and how it should be used * teamwork principles, including:   working towards a common goal  communicating effectively and cooperatively  understanding the work responsibilities of team members  respecting others’ needs  embracing diversity. |

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| Assessment Conditions |
| Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions:   skills must be demonstrated in a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions   * resources, equipment and materials:   equipment and materials appropriate for shearing sheep  animals for shearing   * relationships:   wool harvesting team members.  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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