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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| AHCSHG2X01 | Crutch sheep |
| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to crutch a sheep.  This unit applies to individuals who work under general supervision and exercise limited autonomy with some accountability for their own work.  All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures and standards, state/territory health and safety regulations, animal welfare and biosecurity legislation and codes of practice, and environmental sustainability practices.  No licensing, legislative or certification requirements 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. Prepare for crutching operations | 1.1 Check crutching equipment for correct operation prior to commencing work  1.2 Identify relevant awards and agreements associated with shearing sheep  1.3 Communicate with team members to identify potential and existing hazards in the workplace and report to the overseer  1.4 Select, use and maintain suitable personal protective equipment (PPE) and ensure correct fit  1.5 Identify, catch and move sheep to be crutched in line with workplace health and safety (WHS), industry and animal welfare standards  1.6 Position sheep for crutching in a manner that complies with animal welfare standards |
| 2. Perform crutching operations | 2.1 Activate handpiece and position in readiness for crutching  2.2 Shear wool from face, crutch or belly as instructed within the allocated time period  2.3 Use crutching methods to ensure that injury to the sheep and damage to the fleece is avoided  2.4 Use safe handling techniques at all times |
| 3. Respond to complications | 3.1 Identify contamination during crutching and report to wool handlers  3.2 Treat cuts as required according to WHS and animal welfare standards  3.3 Identify and report flyblown sheep according to workplace procedures  3.4 Identify and report problem sheep according to workplace procedures |
| 4. Complete crutching operations | 4.1 Place wool appropriately to avoid contamination and for wool handlers to collect  4.2 Switch off handpiece and re-position to non-operational position  4.3 Release sheep safely from the board into the count out pens  4.4 Report crutching issues to overseer  4.5 Tally crutched sheep count in line with workplace procedures  4.6 Follow workplace environmental and biosecurity policies |

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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 workplace hazards and crutching issues to overseer |
| 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 |
| AHCSHG2X01 Crutch sheep | AHCSHG201 Crutch sheep | Application wording clarified  Changes to Performance Criteria’s for clarification  Foundation Skills information added  Changes to Performance Evidence to specify volume and frequency  Knowledge Evidence, more specificity added and other wording clarification  Assessment Conditions clarified | Equivalent |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for AHCSHG2X01 Crutch sheep |
| 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 crutched and tallied 40 sheep per run over a 2 hour period in a safe manner that complies with animal welfare, workplace health and safety (WHS) and industry standards. | |

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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:   * types of shearing sheds, boards and catching pens * shearing machinery required and their relative functions * industry agreed shearing techniques and positions for crutching sheep, including: * full wig crutching * sale crutching * safe handling techniques for catching, dragging, shearing and releasing sheep * basic anatomy of male and female sheep as it relates to the safe humane removal of wool * common sheep diseases, including: * footrot * scabby mouth * listeriosis * pneumonia * ovine Johne’s diseases * humane treatment of animals * crutching issues including: * the impacts of sheep behaviour on moving, handling and shearing sheep * weather conditions * condition of the sheep * personal protective equipment (PPE), and when and how it should be used * Federal and/or State shearing awards and agreements associated with shearing sheep * workplace biosecurity, animal welfare and environmental policies applying to the job role * workplace health and safety (WHS) legislation and codes of practice applying to the job role * teamwork principles: * working towards a common goal * communicating effectively and cooperatively * 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 crutching sheep * relationships:   + overseer   + team members   + sheep.   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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