

Object ID	16
Object Name	Novice Shearing

AQF Level 2
Industry Sector Wool Harvesting
Category Shearing

UNDERPINNING TOPICS	OBJECT NO.
Load the handpiece and maintain and safely adjust the handpiece and downtube gear for optimum performance.	10
Identify design features of combs and cutters, understand how various types and stages of wear suit different wool cutting conditions and check, clean and change combs and cutters.	11
Perform grinding operations to industry standards for optimum performance of shearing combs and cutters.	14
Handle sheep in the yards and wool shed in ways that minimise stress.	29

ASSESSMENT TOOLS
A Pre-shearing instruction
B Points of a sheep
C Shearing safety

ASSESSMENT COMPONENT	
Purpose	Maintain position and control to shear sheep unassisted to an acceptable standard.

ACTIVITIES	DETAILS
1. Set up shearing equipment to required standard:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check equipment for correct operation • Assemble comb and cutter on handpiece with correct lead and throw • Set tension to enable comb and cutter to cut wool cleanly • Lubricate working surfaces and moving parts
2. Catch sheep, move safely from pen to shearing board and position for shearing	
3. Demonstrate the six major positions required for shearing:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belly • First hind leg and undermine • Neck • Longblow • Neck last side • Last side
4. Demonstrate danger points with regard to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shearer safety • Injury to sheep
5. Mark out a basic blow pattern	

ACTIVITIES	DETAILS
6. Activate handpiece and position with correct grips for shearing operation	
7. Use comb teeth correctly for comb entry	
8. Use correct angle to start and maintain comb on the skin	
9. Remove fleece in the correct sequence	
10. Explain how to change from each position to the next	
11. Check for:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wool left on • Second cuts
12. Treat cuts and wounds if necessary	
13. Safely release sheep from board into count-out pens	
14. Handle sheep humanely	
15. Maintain a calm temperament during shearing	
16. Shear sheep to the standard required for novice level	
17. All tasks must be completed observing requirements for safe work, quality assurance and animal welfare.	

COMPETENCIES	
RTE1106A	Shear Sheep to Novice Level