

<b>Object ID</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Object Name</b>	<b>Crutching</b>

**AQF Level** 2  
**Industry Sector** Wool Harvesting  
**Category** Shearing

<b>UNDERPINNING TOPICS</b>	<b>OBJECT NO.</b>
Adopt physical fitness practices and a diet that reduce fatigue levels and the risk of sustaining work-related illnesses or injuries.	<b>15</b>
Handle sheep in the yards and wool shed in ways that minimise stress.	<b>29</b>

<b>ASSESSMENT TOOLS</b>
<b>A</b> Crutching techniques

<b>ASSESSMENT COMPONENT</b>	
Purpose	Explain the reasons for crutching sheep and use crutching terminology, equipment, styles and positions for a range of industry requirements and sheep types.

<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>
1. List reasons for crutching sheep	
2. Compare different crutching methods including:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Across the board</li> <li>• Race</li> <li>• Cradle</li> </ul>
3. Discuss the use of crutching:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Machines</li> <li>• Trailers</li> <li>• Platforms</li> <li>• Equipment</li> </ul>
4. Describe different crutching styles such as:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full crutching</li> <li>• Wiggling</li> <li>• Ringing</li> <li>• Sale Crutch/Bung Hole Crutch</li> </ul>
5. Crutch sheep accurately to minimise fleece wool in crutchings	
6. Demonstrate and use identified crutching positions including:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiggling</li> <li>• Pizzle</li> <li>• Crutch</li> <li>• Finish off crutch</li> </ul>
7. Identify danger points on sheep	
8. All tasks must be completed observing requirements for safe work, quality assurance and animal welfare.	

COMPETENCIES	
RTE2107A	Crutch Sheep