

<b>Object ID</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Object Name</b>	<b>Shearing Challenges</b>

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

UNDERPINNING TOPICS	OBJECT NO
Demonstrate safe procedures for selecting and checking equipment, catching, dragging and releasing sheep and removing wool.	<b>18</b>

ASSESSMENT TOOLS
<b>A</b> Adverse shearing conditions
<b>B</b> Danger points

ASSESSMENT COMPONENT	
Purpose	Identify potential sources of contamination of wool from shearing, diseased and problem sheep, danger points for injury and report difficulties and grievances.

ACTIVITIES	DETAILS
1. List adverse conditions for shearing including:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extreme temperatures</li> <li>• Wet wool</li> <li>• Contaminated wool</li> </ul>
2. List possible sources of contamination during shearing operations	
3. Identify, treat, and mark flyblown sheep	
4. Describe issues and procedures for safe shearing in relation to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wet sheep</li> <li>• Diseased sheep</li> <li>• Sheep affected by prickly pear</li> <li>• Sheep treated with chemicals prior to shearing</li> </ul>
5. Identify danger points on sheep that are vulnerable to injury such as:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teats, pizzles and vulva</li> <li>• Eyes and ears</li> <li>• Wrinkle and skin</li> <li>• Hamstrings and joints</li> <li>• Blood vessels and sinews close to the surface</li> </ul>
6. Explain how to avoid damage to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Horns and eartags</li> <li>• Second cuts and skin pieces</li> </ul>
7. Describe procedures for reporting shearing:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grievances</li> <li>• Difficulties</li> </ul>
8. All tasks must be completed observing requirements for safe work, quality assurance and animal welfare.	

COMPETENCIES	
RTE2149A	Shear Sheep to Improver Level