

<b>Object ID</b>	20
<b>Object Name</b>	Improver Shearing

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

UNDERPINNING TOPICS	OBJECT NO
Describe the procedures, equipment and techniques required to grind to manufacturer's and industry standards.	12
Set up a grinder to required industry standards.	13
Perform grinding operations to industry standards for optimum performance of shearing combs and cutters.	14
Maintain position and control to shear sheep unassisted to an acceptable standard.	16
Demonstrate safe procedures for selecting and checking equipment, catching, dragging and releasing sheep and removing wool.	18

ASSESSMENT TOOLS
Assessment tools for this Learning Object are not available.

ASSESSMENT COMPONENT	
Purpose	Shear sheep at a rate of 70 to 80 sheep per day following detailed analysis of positions and position change techniques and a development of handpiece skills.

ACTIVITIES	DETAILS
1. Improve on novice shearing skills:	• Use aids and resources for self-directed learning
	• Analyse the performance and skills of professional shearers
	• Adopt a professional attitude to work
	• Develop efficient work practices
2. Demonstrate and perform a detailed analysis of each specific section of a position:	• Know the corrective keys of individual sections
	• Conduct a breakdown analysis of each section
	• Self assess shearing skills to determine where the corrective keys are needed
3. Develop handpiece skills:	• Identify key points that indicate poor performing equipment
	• Fine tune handpiece, comb, cutter and downtube for optimum performance
	• Modify handpiece grip during shearing
4. Use techniques to reduce:	• Number of blows
	• Second cuts
5. Demonstrate detailed knowledge of key position change techniques	

ACTIVITIES	DETAILS
6. Time work rate to meet prescribed outputs:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time physical demands to suit each run/day</li> <li>• Demonstrate the balancing of sheep correctly in each position to avoid back strain</li> </ul>
7. Select and shear sheep to the industry standard at a rate of 70 to 80 per day with minimal supervision	
8. All tasks must be completed observing requirements for safe work, quality assurance and animal welfare.	

COMPETENCIES	
RTE2149A	Shear Sheep to Improver Level