

Object ID	5
Object Name	Risk Assessment and Control in the Shearing Shed

AQF Level 2
Industry Sector Wool Harvesting
Category Core Competency

UNDERPINNING TOPICS	OBJECT NO.
Discuss OHS legislation requirements in the shearing industry and outline OHS responsibilities of the employee in the shearing shed.	4

ASSESSMENT TOOLS
A Hazards and risks in the shearing shed
B Risk assessment in the shearing shed
C Risk control in the shearing shed

ASSESSMENT COMPONENT	
Purpose	Participate in a risk assessment and nominate risk controls for a specific task in the shearing shed.

ACTIVITIES	DETAILS
1. Identify hazards associated with the task	
2. Report hazards to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management • Health and safety representative(s)
3. Assess the magnitude of the risks associated with each hazard using an appropriate risk assessment tool	
4. Select, use, clean and maintain shearing clothing and footwear	
5. Implement risk controls	
6. Hazards that may be identified include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musculo-skeletal disorders associated with hazardous manual handling - eg. animal handling; sheep movement and handling; uneven flooring and poor drag; obstacles; damaged pens, yards and gates • Biological - eg. zoonoses; bacterial infection from sheep; human communicable diseases • Machinery - eg. inadequately maintained machinery; inadequately guarded moving parts of machinery and faulty equipment; loose clothing; vehicular travel including to and from work • Gravity (ie. slips, trips and falls) - eg. loose floor boards and protruding nails; uneven flooring; fall from raised board; inadequate lighting in handling areas, stairs and ramps • Electricity - eg. inappropriately located electrical leads and cabling

ACTIVITIES	DETAILS
6. Hazards that may be identified include (continued)	• Hazardous substances - eg. fuel, pesticides and other chemicals
	• Environment - eg. dust; solar radiation; noise
	• Thermal - eg. heat and cold resulting from inadequate ventilation and draughts; dehydration
7. Prioritise possible risk controls according to the hierarchy of controls:	• Eliminate the hazard
	• Change equipment or materials
	• Change work methods
	• Use PPE

COMPETENCIES	
RTC2701A	Follow OHS Procedures
RTE2310A	Prepare Handpiece and Downtube for Machine Shearing
RTE2302A	Grind Combs and Cutters for Machine Shearing
RTE1106A	Shear Sheep to Novice Level
RTE2107A	Crutch Sheep
RTE2149A	Shear Sheep to Improver Level
RTC3805A	Coordinate Work Site Activities
RTE2117A	Pen Up Sheep
RTE2216A	Assist in Preparing for Shearing and Crutching
RTE2119A	Perform Board Duties
RTE2120A	Assist with Pressing Wool
RTE3120A	Prepare Facilities for Shearing and Crutching
RTE3145A	Press Wool
RTC3701A	Respond to Emergencies
RTE3318A	Prepare Combs and Cutters for Machine Shearing