

**PART A**

**RTE2107A Crutch Sheep**

**Purpose**

This competency standard is concerned with the functions involved in crutching sheep in an agricultural environment. It requires the application of skills and knowledge to select, catch, control and crutch sheep. It also requires skills and knowledge to identify problem sheep and to deal with crutching complications. Competency requires an awareness of enterprise and legislative requirements with regard to crutching practices and shearing shed procedures, workplace safety and positive environmental practices. The work functions in this standard involve the application of some judgement and discretion, and would be carried out with minimal supervision within enterprise guidelines and within specified timeframes.

<b>LEARNING OBJECTS</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Object No</b>
<b>RISK ASSESSMENT AND CONTROL IN THE SHEARING</b>		
<i>Assessment Component</i>		
• Participate in a risk assessment and nominate risk controls for a specific task in the shearing shed.	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>
<i>Underpinning Topics</i>		
• Discuss OHS legislation requirements in the shearing industry and outline OHS responsibilities of the employee in the shearing shed.		<b>4</b>
<b>CRUTCHING</b>		
<i>Assessment Component</i>		
• Explain the reasons for crutching sheep and use crutching terminology, equipment, styles and positions for a range of industry requirements and sheep types.	<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>
<i>Underpinning Topics</i>		
• 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>



**PART B**

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This competency standard is concerned with the functions involved in crutching sheep. It requires the ability to handle sheep for crutching and to crutch sheep according to enterprise requirements in a commercial crutching operation.

<b>Trainee Name:</b>	<b>Signed:</b>
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**KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS COMPLETED**

<i>Learning Objects</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Trainer</i>
5 Risk assessment and control in the shearing shed		
17 Crutching		

**PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS COMPLETED**

<i>Learner can...</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Workplace Verification by...</i>
<p><b>Prepare for crutching operations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check worm drive and safety clutch is present or equivalent anti-lock device is in place and not coil bound.</li> <li>• Check type of crutch required.</li> <li>• Load and engage handpiece correctly.</li> <li>• Check and lubricate handpiece and downtube.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Follow health and fitness procedures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carry out warm up routines before crutching to minimise the risk of sprains and strains.</li> <li>• Maintain consistent fluid intake and appropriate work rate.</li> <li>• Maintain required body position and posture, with correct positioning of sheep during crutching.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Perform crutching operations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catch, tip and drag sheep using correct technique.</li> <li>• Place and hold sheep in correct position for crutching.</li> <li>• Crutch efficiently to the required standard, avoiding injury to sheep.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Respond to complications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treat cuts and report serious injury to animals.</li> <li>• Identify flyblown sheep for further treatment.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Complete crutching operation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Release sheep and direct into count out pens.</li> </ul>		

**CONTEXT OF ASSESSMENT**

<i>Shed details</i>				
Brand				
Address				
Number of stands		Sheep shorn per day		Number of shed staff

**ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

Essential Knowledge	
Skills application	
Contingency	

**EVIDENCE SOURCES FOR ASSESSMENT**

<input type="checkbox"/> Workplace observation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Written/ oral questioning	
<input type="checkbox"/> Practical skills test	
<input type="checkbox"/> Third party report	
<input type="checkbox"/> Project	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

**WHO CONTRIBUTED TO EVIDENCE COLLECTION?**

Name	
Address	
Industry role	
<input type="checkbox"/> Competent	
<input type="checkbox"/> Not yet competent	

Assessor		Signed			
RTO		Phone		Date	