

RTE1106A	SHEAR SHEEP TO NOVICE LEVEL		
Number	RTE1106A	AQF Level	2

Purpose

This competency standard covers the selection, handling and shearing of sheep to novice level of a minimum 40 sheep per day. It requires the application of skills and knowledge to identify problem sheep and identify shearing complications. Competency requires an awareness of enterprise and legislative requirements with regard to shearing practices and shearing shed procedures. The work would be carried out under routine supervision within enterprise guidelines.

MAPPING		
<i>The mapping information below details the relationship between the Competency Elements and the Learning Objects</i>		
Potential and existing hazards in the workplace are identified.		
Competency Reference	RTE1106A/01.1	
Related Learning Object	Risk Assessment and Control in the Shearing Shed	Object No. 5
Shearing equipment is checked for correct operation.		
Competency Reference	RTE1106A/01.2	
Related Learning Object	Novice Shearing	Object No. 16
Assemble comb and cutter on handpiece.		
Competency Reference	RTE1106A/01.3	
Related Learning Object	Novice Shearing	Object No. 16
Set lead and throw.		
Competency Reference	RTE1106A/01.4	
Related Learning Object	Novice Shearing	Object No. 16
Set tension to enable comb and cutter to cut wool cleanly with minimum friction		
Competency Reference	RTE1106A/01.5	
Related Learning Object	Novice Shearing	Object No. 16
Lubricate working surfaces and moving parts in line with manufacturers requirements.		
Competency Reference	RTE1106A/01.6	
Related Learning Object	Novice Shearing	Object No. 16
Prepare for exercises to warm-up the body.		
Competency Reference	RTE1106A/02.1	
Related Learning Object	Shearing Health and Fitness	Object No. 15
Perform back, shoulder, leg, arm and abdomen stretches.		
Competency Reference	RTE1106A/02.2	
Related Learning Object	Shearing Health and Fitness	Object No. 15
Recognise the necessities of hydration, nutrition and rest periods.		
Competency Reference	RTE1106A/02.3	
Related Learning Object	Shearing Health and Fitness	Object No. 15
Suitable personal protective equipment is selected, used and maintained in line with the OHS and workplace.		
Competency Reference	RTE1106A/03.1	
Related Learning Object	Risk Assessment and Control in the Shearing Shed	Object No. 5

Sheep are caught and moved in line with organisational, OHS, industry and animal welfare standards.		
Competency Reference	RTE1106A/03.2	
Related Learning Object	Novice Shearing	Object No. 16
Sheep are moved from the catching pen to the shearing board using safe manual handling techniques.		
Competency Reference	RTE1106A/03.3	
Related Learning Object	Shearing Health and Fitness	Object No. 15
Sheep are positioned for shearing in line with industry agreed shearing method.		
Competency Reference	RTE1106A/03.4	
Related Learning Object	Novice Shearing	Object No. 16
Handpiece is activated and positioned readiness for shearing operations.		
Competency Reference	RTE1106A/04.1	
Related Learning Object	Novice Shearing	Object No. 16
Shear section of sheep in position suitable to the individual's competence.		
Competency Reference	RTE1106A/04.2	
Related Learning Object	Novice Shearing	Object No. 16
Shear the six basic positions in sequence.		
Competency Reference	RTE1106A/04.3	
Related Learning Object	Novice Shearing	Object No. 16
Minimise injury to sheep.		
Competency Reference	RTE1106A/04.4	
Related Learning Object	Novice Shearing	Object No. 16
Release sheep safely from the board into the count-out pens.		
Competency Reference	RTE1106A/04.5	
Related Learning Object	Novice Shearing	Object No. 16