

RTE2107A	CRUTCH SHEEP		
Number	RTE2107A	AQF Level	2

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.

MAPPING		
<i>The mapping information below details the relationship between the Competency Elements and the Learning Objects</i>		
Crutching equipment is checked for correct operation prior to crutching session.		
Competency Reference	RTE2107A/01.1	
Related Learning Object	Crutching	Object No. 17
Sheep to be crutched are identified, caught and moved in line with organisational, OHS, industry, and animal welfare standards.		
Competency Reference	RTE2107A/01.2	
Related Learning Object	Crutching	Object No. 17
Sheep are positioned for crutching in line with organisation determined and industry agreed crutching methods.		
Competency Reference	RTE2107A/01.3	
Related Learning Object	Crutching	Object No. 17
Potential and existing hazards in the workplace are identified and reported to the supervisor.		
Competency Reference	RTE2107A/01.4	
Related Learning Object	Risk Assessment and Control in the Shearing Shed	Object No. 5
Suitable personal protective equipment is selected, used and maintained in line with OHS and workplace procedures.		
Competency Reference	RTE2107A/01.5	
Related Learning Object	Risk Assessment and Control in the Shearing Shed	Object No. 5
Handpiece is activated and positioned in readiness for crutching.		
Competency Reference	RTE2107A/02.1	
Related Learning Object	Crutching	Object No. 17
Wool is shorn from face, crutch or belly as instructed and in line with industry standards.		
Competency Reference	RTE2107A/02.2	
Related Learning Object	Crutching	Object No. 17
Crutching methods are used to ensure that injury to the sheep and damage to the fleece is avoided.		
Competency Reference	RTE2107A/02.3	
Related Learning Object	Crutching	Object No. 17

Safe handling techniques are used at all times.		
Competency Reference	RTE2107A/02.4	
Related Learning Object	Crutching	Object No. 17
Contamination is identified during crutching and reported to wool handlers in line with enterprise requirements.		
Competency Reference	RTE2107A/03.1	
Related Learning Object	Crutching	Object No. 17
Cuts are treated in accordance with industry standards and animal welfare requirements.		
Competency Reference	RTE2107A/03.2	
Related Learning Object	Crutching	Object No. 17
Flyblown sheep are identified and reported in line with industry standards and animal welfare requirements.		
Competency Reference	RTE2107A/03.3	
Related Learning Object	Crutching	Object No. 17
Problem sheep are identified and reported in line with enterprise and industry requirements.		
Competency Reference	RTE2107A/03.4	
Related Learning Object	Crutching	Object No. 17
Wool is placed to avoid contamination and for wool handlers to collect in line with enterprise and industry requirements.		
Competency Reference	RTE2107A/04.1	
Related Learning Object	Crutching	Object No. 17
Handpiece is switched off and re-positioned to non-operational position.		
Competency Reference	RTE2107A/04.2	
Related Learning Object	Crutching	Object No. 17
Sheep are safely released from the board into the count out pens.		
Competency Reference	RTE2107A/04.3	
Related Learning Object	Crutching	Object No. 17
Crutching grievances and difficulties are reported in line with enterprise and industry requirements.		
Competency Reference	RTE2107A/04.4	
Related Learning Object	Crutching	Object No. 17