

RTE2149A	SHEAR SHEEP TO IMPROVER LEVEL		
Number	RTE2149A	AQF Level	2

Purpose

This competency standard covers the selection, handling and shearing of sheep to improver level of equivalent to the minimum rate of pay as set down by the industry award between 70 and 80 sheep per day. It requires the application of skills and knowledge to identify problem sheep and rectify shearing complications. Competency requires an awareness of enterprise and legislative requirements with regard to shearing practices and shearing shed procedures. The work requires the application of some judgement and discretion and would be carried out with minimal supervision within enterprise guidelines.

MAPPING		
<i>The mapping information below details the relationship between the Competency Elements and the Learning Objects</i>		
Shearing equipment is checked for correct operation prior to shearing session		
Competency Reference	RTE2149A/01.1	
Related Learning Object	Shearing and Crutching Operations	Object No. 18
Potential and existing hazards in the workplace are identified, and reported to the supervisor.		
Competency Reference	RTE2149A/01.2	
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	RTE2149A/01.3	
Related Learning Object	Risk Assessment and Control in the Shearing Shed	Object No. 5
Sheep to be shorn are identified, caught and moved in line with organisational, OHS, industry and animal welfare standards.		
Competency Reference	RTE2149A/02.1	
Related Learning Object	Shearing and Crutching Operations	Object No. 18
Sheep are positioned for shearing using identified positions in line with industry standards.		
Competency Reference	RTE2149A/02.2	
Related Learning Object	Shearing and Crutching Operations	Object No. 18
Handpiece is activated and positioned in readiness for shearing operations.		
Competency Reference	RTE2149A/02.3	
Related Learning Object	Shearing and Crutching Operations	Object No. 18
Sheep are shorn using identified method and positions in line with industry standards.		
Competency Reference	RTE2149A/02.4	
Related Learning Object	Improver Shearing	Object No. 20

Shearing methods ensure that injuries and damage to the sheep and fleece is avoided in meeting volume expectations.		
Competency Reference	RTE2149A/02.5	
Related Learning Object	Shearing and Crutching Operations	Object No. 18
Safe and humane handling techniques are used at all times according to OHS and animal welfare requirements.		
Competency Reference	RTE2149A/02.6	
Related Learning Object	Shearing and Crutching Operations	Object No. 18
Contamination is identified during shearing operations and reported to wool handlers in line with enterprise requirements.		
Competency Reference	RTE2149A/03.1	
Related Learning Object	Shearing and Crutching Challenges	Object No. 19
Sheep cuts are sutured in line with industry standards and animal welfare requirements.		
Competency Reference	RTE2149A/03.2	
Related Learning Object	Shearing and Crutching Operations	Object No. 18
Flyblown sheep are identified and reported in line with industry standards and animal welfare requirements.		
Competency Reference	RTE2149A/03.3	
Related Learning Object	Shearing and Crutching Challenges	Object No. 19
Problem sheep are identified and reported in line with industry and enterprise requirements.		
Competency Reference	RTE2149A/03.4	
Related Learning Object	Shearing and Crutching Challenges	Object No. 19
Wool is placed to avoid contamination and for wool handlers to collect in line with enterprise and industry requirements.		
Competency Reference	RTE2149A/04.1	
Related Learning Object	Shearing and Crutching Operations	Object No. 18
Handpiece is set to non-operational position and stored in line with manufacturers specifications and enterprise requirements.		
Competency Reference	RTE2149A/04.2	
Related Learning Object	Shearing and Crutching Operations	Object No. 18
Sheep are safely released from the board into the count-out pens.		
Competency Reference	RTE2149A/04.3	
Related Learning Object	Shearing and Crutching Operations	Object No. 18
Shearing grievances and difficulties are reported in line with enterprise requirements.		
Competency Reference	RTE2149A/04.4	
Related Learning Object	Shearing and Crutching Challenges	Object No. 19