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Plan, prepare and conduct mulesing  
procedures**

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## Modification History

Release Number	TP Version	Comments
1	AHCv1.0	Initial release

## Performance Evidence

The candidate must be assessed on their ability to integrate and apply the performance requirements of this unit in a workplace setting. Performance must be demonstrated consistently over time and in a suitable range of contexts.

The candidate must provide evidence that they can:

- assess alternative strategies and confirm key indicators for the use of mulesing
- identify optimal conditions for carrying out mulesing procedures
- conduct pre-operative evaluation of lambs submitted for mulesing procedures and risk assessment in consultation with sheep manager
- prepare appropriate sites, facilities and equipment in line with infection control, work health and safety and animal welfare standards including pain management in accordance with industry best standards and legislative requirements
- follow low stress stock mustering, movement and handling procedures
- carry out mulesing operations in accordance with industry recognised best practice mulesing techniques and hygiene standards
- follow appropriate procedures and label directions to provide pain relief plus insecticide dressing as required
- monitor animals' behaviour post-mulesing for health and well-being including the ability to recognise signs of post-mulesing complications
- communicate post-mulesing management requirements to sheep manager
- accurately document and maintain appropriate records
- follow relevant work health and safety, animal welfare and biosecurity requirements and practices

## Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- relevant work health and safety, animal welfare and biosecurity requirements
- relevant codes of practice and industry standards for mulesing
- reasons and requirements for mulesing in sheep

- body condition scoring (BCS), breech wrinkle scoring (BRWR) and breech cover scoring (BCOV) in lambs and adult sheep
- methods and strategies of flystrike control
- effects of weather, environmental, facility, flock, individual animal and human factors on mulesing operations
- use and maintenance of materials and equipment for mulesing
- principles and maintenance of hygiene in mulesing operations
- methods and techniques for handling and restraint of adult sheep and lambs
- use of pain relief and insecticide treatment in mulesing procedures
- anatomy and external features of sheep
- health and animal welfare implications of post mulesing complications in sheep
- signs of ill health and related management strategies in sheep
- use of and regulatory considerations for the use of disinfectants
- relevant care, husbandry and management strategies for sheep flocks
- relevant legislation, regulations and codes of practice, including those relating to work health and safety, animal welfare, veterinary practitioner/surgeons' Acts, stock diseases and waste disposal, agricultural and veterinary chemical use

## Assessment Conditions

Competency is to be assessed in the workplace OR workplace and a simulated environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting.

Assessments for the following performance evidence must be conducted on live animals:

- conduct mulesing procedures

Assessors must satisfy current standards for RTOs.

## Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>