



RURAL INDUSTRIES SKILL TRAINING

CERTIFICATE IV IN WOOL CLASSING
AHC41316



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Graduates ready to apply to AWEX (Australian Wool Exchange) to become a registered professional Wool Classer.

The course will ensure they have the necessary skills and knowledge to:

- Supervise the day to day duties of a shearing team, monitor task progression and provide first point of call guidance to team members
- Carry out requirements of Code of Practice for the Preparation of Australian Wool Clips as it relates to the preparation of wool and other relevant quality standards
- Implement relevant legislative requirements associated with the shearing industry including employment agreements and awards
- Oversee the Work Health and Safety in relation to the wool preparation workplace
- Have market knowledge and know how to prepare the clip for market requirements
- Be able to prepare clips of a variety of wool types
- Implement and monitor the quality assurance processes for a clip

COURSE DURATION

2 years part time

TRAINING LOCATION

Hamilton

STUDY LEVEL

Certificate IV

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no entry requirements for this qualification



AHCWOL303 Prepare wool based on its characteristics

AHCWOL304 Prepare fleece wool for classing

AHCWOL305 Prepare skirtings and oddments

Develop the skills and knowledge required to prepare non-fleece wool to comply with the requirements of the Code of Practice for the Preparation of Australian Wool Clips. Learn about the characteristics of wool and their impacts on processing. Principles and requirements of wool processing methods-woollen and worsted systems. Features of wool growth, features of the parts of a fleece and features of wool faults and impurities.



Carry out work procedures

AHCWOL310 Press wool for a clip

Enable the skills and knowledge required to press wool into bales and carry out related tasks. This unit applies to wool pressers who work in close cooperation with the wool classer and maintain a rate of pressing that ensures wool flow can be maintained.

AHCWOL311 Perform shed duties

Develop the skills and knowledge required to perform shed duties covering the board and table and to provide mentoring to less experienced staff. Learn to work under broad direction and take responsibility for their own work including limited responsibility for the work of others.

AHCWOL401 Determine wool classing strategies

AHCWOL403 Plan, implement and review wool harvesting and clip preparation

AHCWOL404 Establish work routines and manage wool harvesting and preparation staff

AHCWOL405 Class fleece wool

Develop classing strategies to be used for classing a wool clip and communicating the strategy to shed staff and owner and/or manager, then evaluating the strategy for the clip.

To provide and communicate solutions to a range of predictable and sometimes unpredictable problems.

Prepare for, implement and review wool harvesting, clip preparation and classing. Organise and schedule staff and work tasks, supervise staff, maintain and implement productivity, and risk management strategies. Monitor environmental impacts and implement control measures.

Establish work routines and manage wool harvesting and preparation of staff.

Be able to class fleece wool from merino and crossbred sheep into lines that meet the requirements of the Code of Practice for the Preparation of Australian Wool Clips. Arrange shed layouts which promote safe, efficient wool flow and classing.



Documentation

AHCWOL301 Appraise wool using industry descriptions

Develop the skills and knowledge required to appraise wool by applying the industry description system (AWEX-ID) to classed lines of wool. Features of AWEX system for the appraisal and description of non-measured characteristics of greasy wool (AWEX-ID). Understand the features of the Australian Wool Exchange Wool Selling Rules. Interpretation of the wool sale catalogue, interpretation of wool testing data and relevant sources of wool sale lot information.

AHCWOL307 Document a wool clip

Developing the skills and knowledge required to prepare the documentation for a wool clip to meet the requirements of the Code of Practice for the Preparation of Australian Wool Clips, relevant legislation and the enterprise and includes instructing others in the use of the system, maintaining the records and advising the owner or manager of issues where appropriate.

The documentation of a wool clip contributes to the wool harvesting operation by optimising efficiency for the grower.



Effective work practices

AHCWHS401 Maintain work health and safety processes

Facilitate the participation of workers in work health and safety observance and decision-making. Establish procedures to document the identification of hazards and assessment of risk covering the operations of the enterprise. Implement enterprise emergency procedures and organise safety drills. Provide staff with work health and safety training in risk assessment and other areas nominated by risk controls.

AHCWRK401 Implement and monitor quality assurance procedures

Provide and communicate solutions to a range of predictable and sometimes unpredictable problems. Identify and carry out correct enterprise and industry quality assurance systems. Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) techniques are used to identify strategies for control of hazards to quality. Comply with animal welfare and biosecurity legislation and codes, and sustainability practices.

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Students with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

For eligible participants, this training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth Government funding.

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