

40148 Dag and crutch sheep

Kaupae Level	3
Whiwhinga Credit	3
Whāinga Purpose	The purpose of this standard is to recognise the foundational skills and knowledge required to dag and crutch sheep, which will allow people holding this standard to work in entry-level roles in the sheep farming and wool harvesting industries.

Hua o te ako me Paearu aromatawai | Learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Hua o te ako Learning outcomes	Paearu aromatawai Assessment criteria
1. Grind shearing combs and cutters for machine shearing.	a. Set up and use grinder to grind combs and cutters safely, using appropriate personal protective equipment.
	b. Inspect combs and cutters to determine sharpness.
2. Set up a machine shearing handpiece and maintain the down-tube of the shearing plant.	a. Check the handpiece to ensure that it meets safety requirements.
	b. Set lead and throw and tension settings, and lubricate the handpiece.
	c. Lubricate down-tube components in preparation for shearing.
3. Catch and present sheep safely for dagging and crutching.	a. Approach and catch sheep in accordance with the Safe Sheep Handling Guide.
	b. Move sheep safely to the stand and present for crutching.
4. Dag and crutch sheep.	a. Remove all dags and stained wool without injury to self or sheep.
	b. Remove crutch wool without injury to self or sheep.

Pārongo aromatawai me te taumata paearu | Assessment information and grade criteria

Assessment specifications:

All activities must be carried out in accordance with workplace health and safety requirements and, wherever relevant, the Code of Welfare: Sheep and Beef Cattle.

All activities relevant to this standard must reflect ngā kaupapa (the principles) o te Tiriti o Waitangi.

All activities must, as relevant to candidates and/or this standard, reflect the peoples of the Pacific and other cultures, and their world views.

Ākonga/learners should be assessed against this standard in a real-life context using naturally occurring evidence. A verifier's checklist with appropriate comments confirming competency is acceptable if accompanied by evidence that includes examples from the learner's performance.

Crutching includes ring crutching, and the removal of wool from the half belly, full belly and/or full crutch. It may include eye wig or neck blow.

Minimum completion requirements for this standard are:

- 5 sheep in 30 minutes must be completed for a full belly crutch including eye wig and/or neck blow.
- 10 sheep in 30 minutes must be completed for a half belly or full belly crutch.
- 15 sheep in 30 minutes must be completed for a full crutch.
- 20 sheep in 30 minutes must be completed for a ring crutch.

Ngā momo whiwhinga | Grades available

Achieved.

Ihirangi waitohu | Indicative content

Gear maintenance

- Grinder components, settings and basic maintenance.
- Safe and effective grinding technique for combs and cutters.
- Handpiece components, functions and adjustment.
- Basic maintenance practices for shearing plant.

Dagging and crutching

- Appropriate and safe methods for catching, moving, and handling sheep.
- Relevant animal welfare legislation and guidelines.
- Crutching sequence and pattern.
- Nutrition and hydration to support physical requirements of the task.
- Health and safety requirements.

Rauemi | Resources

[Animal Welfare Act 1999](#)

[Health and Safety at Work Act 2015](#)

[Code of Welfare: Sheep and Beef Cattle](#) (Ministry of Primary Industries)

[Safe Sheep Handling Guide](#) (Worksafe)

[Safe Sheep Shearing Guide](#) (Worksafe)

Site-specific health and safety plans.

Pārongo Whakaū Kouna | Quality assurance information

Ngā rōpū whakatau-paerewa Standard Setting Body	Muka Tangata – People Food and Fibre Workforce Development Council
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Please contact Muka Tangata – People Food and Fibre Workforce Development Council at qualifications@mukatangata.nz to suggest changes to the content of this skill standard.