

40149**Shear sheep safely unassisted**

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| Kaupae Level | 3 |
| Whiwhinga Credit | 3 |
| Whāinga Purpose | The purpose of this standard is to recognise the foundational skills and knowledge required to work in an entry-level shearing role in the sheep farming or 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 |
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| 1. Catch and present sheep safely. | a. Approach and catch sheep safely and efficiently. |
| | b. Move sheep safely to the stand and present for shearing. |
| 2. Shear sheep. | a. Handle sheep during shearing safely and efficiently. |
| | b. Apply the handpiece to shear sheep using an appropriate sequence and blow pattern with a minimum of shearing faults. |
| 3. Identify contaminants and damaged and injured sheep. | a. Identify and report contaminants. |
| | b. Identify and mark damaged or injured 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.

Minimum completion rate for this standard is 3 sheep per 30 minutes of continuous shearing.

Range:

For the purposes of the Assessment Criteria listed above:

- Contaminants may include black wool, wire, lambs' purses, flystrike.
- Shearing faults may include second cuts, skin cuts, ridges and tassels, cut udder/teats.
- Damage or injury to sheep may include but is not limited to signs of disease, existing injury, or shearing-related injury.

Ngā momo whiwhinga | Grades available

Achieved.

Ihirangi waitohu | Indicative content**Shearing**

- Appropriate and safe methods for catching, moving, handling and holding sheep.
- Relevant animal welfare legislation and guidelines.
- Signs of damage or illness in sheep.
- Shearing sequence and pattern, including footwork, timing and body position.
- Shearing faults, including second cuts, skin cuts, ridges, tassels, cut udder/teats.
- Contaminants, including black wool, wire, lambs' purses, flystrike.
- Nutrition and hydration to support physical requirements of the task.
- Notification processes for all faults and contaminants, injuries and disease.
- 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)

[Clip Preparation Best Practice Guidelines](#) (New Zealand Wool Classers' Association)

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

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

Site-specific health and safety plans.

Pārongo Whakaū Kounga | Quality assurance information

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| Ngā rōpū whakatau-paerewa Standard Setting Body | Muka Tangata – People Food and Fibre Workforce Development Council |
| Whakaritenga Rārangi Paetae Aromatawai DASS classification | Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Wool Harvesting > Shearing |
| Ko te tohutoro ki ngā Whakaritenga i te Whakamanatanga me te Whakaōritenga CMR | 0052 |

| Hātepe Process | Putanga Version | Rā whakaputa Review Date | Rā whakamutunga mō te aromatawai Last date for assessment |
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| Rēhitatanga Registration | 1 | 25 July 2024 | N/A |
| Kōrero whakakapinga Replacement information | N/A | | |
| Rā arotake Planned review date | 31 December 2029 | | |

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.