

Field Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Review of *Wool Harvesting* unit standards

Subfield	Domain	ID
Wool Harvesting	Shearing	15040-15042, 15044, 15047, 20101-20113, 20315, 25853, 30213
	Wool Handling	5116, 15049, 15050, 20114-20118, 20120, 20316, 30212

The Primary ITO has completed the review of the unit standards listed above.

Date new versions published

December 2019

Planned review date

December 2024

Summary

Unit standards were reviewed during February and July 2019 through face-to-face meetings and email, by the External Working Group (EWG) which comprised representatives from industry, providers and the NZ Wool Classer Association and New Zealand Shearing Contractors Association. The EWG consulted on the unit standards and discussed and agreed to incorporate recommended changes. Revised unit standards were then sent to Consent to Assess holders in August for feedback. Changes were incorporated where appropriate in consultation with the EWG.

Main changes

- Unit standards were updated to reflect current industry practices.
- Titles of nine unit standards were amended to more closely reflect the content.
- 20 unit standards were designated expiring and will not be replaced as they are no longer required or their content has been further embedded in other existing standards.
- The credits for unit standards 15044, 20106, 20107, 20111, 20112, 20115, 20116 and 20316 were changed to more accurately reflect the time taken to learn, practice and be assessed for the skills in the unit standards.
- Unit standard 20315 had a reduction in credits to better align with the time required to achieve the skills set out in this standard.
- Three new unit standards were developed.

Category C and D unit standards will expire at the end of December 2023

The last date for assessment of superseded versions of Category B unit standards is December 2023

Detailed list of unit standards – classification, title, level, and credits

All changes are in **bold**.

Key to review category	
A	Dates changed, but no other changes are made - the new version of the standard carries the same ID and a new version number
B	Changes made, but the overall outcome remains the same - the new version of the standard carries the same ID and a new version number
C	Major changes that necessitate the registration of a replacement standard with a new ID
D	Standard will expire and not be replaced

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ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
15040	Conduct gear experting for machine shearing	4	40	D
15041	Grind shearing combs and cutters for machine shearing	2	6	D
15042	Set up a machine shearing handpiece, and maintain down-tube of shearing plant	2	6	D
15044	Prepare combs and cutters for machine shearing Prepare combs, cutters and grinding equipment for machine shearing	3	30 10	B
15047	Blade shear sheep at a sustained output, under variable conditions	4	100	D
20101	Machine shear crossbred sheep	2	30	D
20102	Machine shear fine wool sheep	2	30	D
20103	Maintain and service a shearing handpiece, and check and evaluate the shearing plant Maintain and service a shearing handpiece, and check the shearing plant	3	10	B
20104	Machine shear crossbred sheep at a sustained output, under variable conditions	4	100	D
20105	Machine shear fine wool sheep at a sustained output, under variable conditions	4	100	D
20106	Prepare, and sharpen shearing blades Sharpen, maintain and safely handle shearing blades	3	30 10	B
20107	Blade shear sheep at a sustained output Blade shear sheep	3	80 15	B
20108	Prepare, and sharpen shearing blades under supervision	2	15	D
20109	Blade shear sheep under supervision	2	30	D
20110	Conduct blade experting, and maintain blades for blade shearing	4	40	D
20111	Machine shear crossbred sheep at a sustained output Machine shear strong wool sheep	3	70 35	B
20112	Machine shear fine wool sheep at a sustained output Machine shear fine and mid micron wool sheep	3	70 35	B
20113	Select and assemble shearing gear, and identify and rectify faults in combs	2	5	D
20315	Maintain and record sheep flow for shearing	3	12 10	B
25853	Shear sheep under supervision	2	9	D
30213	Dag and crutch sheep with prepared equipment	2	7	B
31981	Set up, and catch sheep for dagging and crutching, and assist in managing sheep injuries and health issues	3	10	New

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ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
5116	Supervise woolshed operations	5	25	D
15049	Source and interpret wool market information and wool processing requirements	4	20	D
15050	Press wool and assist with penning up of sheep	2	6	D
20114	Prepare and grade the wool clip where the table is required	3	35	D

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20115	Prepare and grade the wool clip at the board Handle the wool clip at the board	3	30 10	B
20116	Prepare for wool pressing, and press wool Prepare for and press wool	3	30 20	B
20117	Describe wool clip preparation and the sale of wool process	3	5	B
20118	Plan grading, grade wool, supervise and monitor wool harvesting, and make adjustments	4	40	D
20120	Prepare the wool clip in the wool harvesting industry	2	28	D
20316	Prepare and grade the fine wool clip in the wool harvesting industry Handle, sort and prepare strong, fine and mid micron wool clip in the wool harvesting industry	3	40 15	B
30212	Work as part of a team to prepare the woolshed for work	2	6	D
31978	Grade wool clip in a wool harvesting operation	4	10	New
31979	Assist with wool harvesting tasks in the woolshed	2	10	New