

Field **Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries**

Review of unit standards for *Shearing*

Subfield	Domain	ID
Wool Harvesting	Shearing	15044, 20103, 20106, 20107, 20111, 20112, 20315, 30213, 31981

The Muka Tangata – People Food and Fibre Workforce Development Council has reviewed the unit standards listed above.

Date new versions published

February 2026

Planned review date

December 2030

Summary

Muka Tangata Workforce Development Council completed the review of standards listed above in October 2025 after consultation with industry experts and support from key stakeholders across the wool harvesting sector. This case was transferred from Muka Tangata WDC to Food and Fibre Industry Skills Board to reflect VET reforms.

Main changes

- Eight unit standards have been expired due to no or very little usage in five years.
- Unit standard 20103 credit has been reduced as directed by industry to correctly reflect the 30 learning hours needed to achieve the stated outcomes.

Category D unit standards will expire at the end of December 2027

The last date for assessment of superseded versions of Category B unit standard is December 2027

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
15044	Prepare combs, cutters and grinding equipment for machine shearing	3	10	D
20103	Maintain and service a shearing handpiece, and check the shearing plant	3	10 3	B
20106	Sharpen, maintain and safely handle shearing blades	3	10	D
20107	Blade shear sheep	3	15	D
20111	Machine shear strong wool sheep	3	35	D

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
20112	Machine shear fine and mid micron wool sheep	3	35	D
20315	Maintain and record sheep flow for shearing	3	10	D
30213	Dag and crutch sheep with prepared equipment	2	7	D
30981	Set up, and catch sheep for dagging and crutching, and assist in managing sheep injuries and health issues	3	10	D