

<b>Title</b>	<b>Process sheep carcasses to produce meat cuts</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>14</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to: prepare to process a sheep carcass; select a sheep carcass for processing; process a sheep carcass to produce meat cuts; and complete the processing tasks.
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<b>Classification</b>	Meat Processing > Meat Retail Butchery
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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## Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation and references  
Legislation, regulations and/or industry standards relevant to this unit standard include but are not limited to the:  
Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code, available at <http://www.foodstandards.govt.nz/>;  
Animal Products Act 1999;  
Biosecurity Act 1993;  
Biosecurity Amendment Act 2015;  
Consumer Guarantees Act 1993;  
Fair Trading Act 1986;  
Fair Trading Amendment Act 2013  
Food Act 2014;  
Food Regulations 2015;  
Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;  
Resource Management Act 1991;  
Weights and Measures Act 1987.

Any new, amended or replacement Acts, regulations, standards, codes of practice, guidelines, or authority requirements or conditions affecting this unit standard will take precedence for assessment purposes, pending review of this unit standard.

- 2 Definition  
*Workplace procedures* – procedures used by the organisation carrying out the work and applicable to the tasks being carried out. They may include but are not limited to – standard operating procedures, site safety procedures, equipment operating procedures, codes of practice, quality management practices and standards, procedures to comply with legislative and local body requirements.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Prepare to process a sheep carcass.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Work area hygiene and safety are checked for compliance.
- 1.2 Equipment is selected and checked for condition and hygiene.
- 1.3 Personal hygiene habits that prevent contamination are implemented.
- 1.4 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is selected and worn.

### Outcome 2

Select a sheep carcass for processing.

#### Evidence requirements

- 2.1 Carcass is selected.  
Range classification, quality, stock rotation requirements.
- 2.2 Carcass quality is checked and sub-standard quality is identified and corrective action is taken.

### Outcome 3

Process a sheep carcass to produce meat cuts.

#### Performance criteria

- 3.1 The carcass is securely fastened during breaking down and boning operations.
- 3.2 Bones are freed and meat is boned to maximise yield and minimise damage.
- 3.3 Meat is cut in accordance with bone structure, and muscle contours.
- 3.4 Body weight is used to minimise physical stress on upper body and no unnecessary duplication of cutting effort.
- 3.5 Knives are used safely, maintained, and stored.
- 3.6 Bones are cleaned and trim product is placed in designated bins.
- 3.7 Carcass is processed in accordance with workplace production schedules.
- 3.8 Meat contamination and defects are removed.

3.9 Health and safety procedures are followed.

#### Outcome 4

Complete the processing tasks.

#### Performance criteria

4.1 Boned meat is stored.

4.2 Equipment and work area are cleaned.

4.3 Equipment and work area are left in a condition ready for the next task to begin.

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#### Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
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Review	4	16 March 2017	31 December 2027
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<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	0013
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

#### Comments on this unit standard

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