

Title	Handle the wool clip at the board		
Level	3	Credits	10

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: set up the shed and plan responsibilities for workflow during shearing; handle wool clip at the board; handle wool at the blending stack; and prepare wool and maintain wool clip documentation.
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Classification	Wool Harvesting > Wool Handling
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015; and any subsequent amendments.
- 2 Resource documents include but are limited to:

Safe Sheep Shearing Good Practice Guidelines, available from Work Safe New Zealand at <https://worksafe.govt.nz/topic-and-industry/agriculture/working-with-animals/working-with-sheep/safe-sheep-shearing-gpg/>

Clip Preparation – Best Practice Guideline (May 2016) available from the NZ Wool Classer Association at https://www.woolclassers.org.nz/images/resources/NZWCA_2016_Clip_preparation_document.pdf.
- 3 Definitions

Off-type wool – wool which does not match the bulk of the main line of wool.

Wool clip at the board – second shear, early shear, lamb's wool, and crutchings.

Wool market representative requirements – contract specifications as set out in the workplace by the buyer or grower relating to wool market specifications.

Workplace procedures – instructions to staff on procedures that are documented in memo, electronic or manual format and available in the workplace.
- 4 Assessment for the performance criteria of this unit standard must include crossbred and down cross breed types and must be carried out in a shearing shed with a flow rate of a minimum of 400 sheep per day.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Set up the shed and plan responsibilities for workflow during shearing.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Set up woolshed to meet clip preparation requirements.
- Range includes but is not limited to – bins, fadges, table, press, shed design, rubbish boxes.
- 1.2 Plan wool preparation and handling in accordance with the New Zealand wool industry *Clip Preparation – Best Practice Guideline* and wool market requirements.
- 1.3 Plan work pattern with other team members to minimise workflow interruptions.
- Range wool pressing and wool preparation requirements, staff skills and ratio, shearer output.
- 1.4 Plan the preparation and separation of wool in accordance with on-farm procedures, wool type variation, and wool market requirements.
- Range variations within and between mobs, environmental effects, wool clip size, breed, wool characteristics, age groups of sheep.

Outcome 2

Handle wool clip at the board.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Remove oddments in terms of colour, length, and contamination.
- Range includes but is not limited to – bellies, fribs, pieces, locks, eye clips.
- 2.2 Remove faults in terms of colour, length, and contamination.
- Range may include but is not limited to – pen stains, dags, urine, stain, black wool, raddle; evidence of five is required.
- 2.3 Separate body wool from oddments and contaminants.
- Range may include but is not limited to – second pieces and locks, crutch wool, dags, stains, eye clips; evidence of four is required.
- 2.4 Coordinate work pattern with other team members to minimise interruptions to workflow.
- 2.5 Balance accuracy, speed, and tidiness to maximise output and quality of wool.
- Range teamwork, timing, coordination.

Outcome 3

Handle wool at the blending stack.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Maintain blending stack volume to ensure uniformity and consistency within and between bales.
- 3.2 Monitor blending stack and oddments and remove faults to ensure consistency, and to meet wool market requirements.
- 3.3 Maintain accuracy, speed, and tidiness to maximise output and quality of wool.
- Range teamwork, timing, coordination.

Outcome 4

Prepare wool and maintain wool clip documentation.

Performance criteria

- 4.1 Off-type wool is removed in accordance with wool market requirements and *Clip Preparation – Best Practice Guideline*.
- Range colour, length, contamination, breed type.
- 4.2 Prepare wool consistently to match specifications for the particular wool clip in accordance with wool market requirements and *Clip Preparation – Best Practice Guideline*.
- 4.3 Monitor wool preparation as directed by the grower, and in accordance with wool market representative requirements.
- 4.4 Wool clip documentation is maintained in accordance with the *Wool Handling Handbook* and workplace procedures.
- Range may include but is not limited to – shed book, tally book, specifications, line descriptions, bale branding, specific contract documents; evidence of two is required.
- 4.5 Accuracy, speed, and tidiness are balanced to maximise output and quality of wool.
- Range teamwork, timing, coordination.

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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

Please contact the Primary Industry Training Organisation standards@primaryito.ac.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.