

Title	Plan grading, grade wool, supervise and monitor wool harvesting, and make adjustments		
Level	4	Credits	40

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: plan grading; grade wool; and supervise and monitor wool harvesting, make adjustments, 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

- The following documents provide both a source of the national standard as stated in the performance criteria, and useful background information relating to this unit standard –
 - Clip Preparation – Best Practice Guideline* (Wellington: NZ Wool Classers Association, May 2007). Available from Meat and Wool NZ, PO Box 121, Wellington 6140.
 - Wool Handling Handbook* (Christchurch: Tectra Ltd, 2007). ISBN 0-9582522-0-3. Available from Tectra Ltd., PO Box 7327, Sydenham, Christchurch 8240.
 - Best practice guideline for the New Zealand shearing industry: A guide for workplaces* (Wellington: Department of Labour, 2008), available from <http://www.dol.govt.nz>.
- Definitions
 - Grading* – creating a broad main line of wool by removing extremes of length, colour, or contamination.
 - On-farm procedures* – the verbal and written procedures for woolshed practices.
- Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, and its subsequent amendments.
- Assessment for the performance criteria of this unit standard must include crossbred and down cross breed types, and should be carried out in a shearing shed with a flow rate of a minimum of 1000 sheep per day.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Plan grading.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Grading is planned in consultation with the grower.
- Range variations within and between mobs, wool clip size, breed of sheep, wool characteristics.
- 1.2 Grading is planned to meet variable conditions.
- Range conditions which vary include but are not limited to – wool output, staff level and skills, shed environment, equipment layout.
- 1.3 Grading is planned to meet wool market requirements or *Clip Preparation – Best Practice Guideline* to maximise returns to the grower.

Outcome 2

Grade wool.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Wool is graded consistently in accordance with the grading plan.
- Range length, colour, level of contamination, characteristics.

Outcome 3

Supervise and monitor wool harvesting, make adjustments, and maintain wool clip documentation.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Wool harvesting is supervised and monitored and adjustments made in accordance with the grading plan.
- 3.2 Wool harvesting is supervised and monitored and adjustments made in accordance with subsequent on-farm variations.
- Range variations – within and between mobs, due to staff rotations.
- 3.3 Wool clip cut-outs are managed in accordance with on-farm procedures.
- 3.4 Wool clip documentation is maintained in accordance with the grading plan and on-farm procedures.
- Range includes but is not limited to – shed book, specifications, specific contract documents, tally cards, quality checklist; evidence is required for at least three.

This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.

Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	26 July 2003	31 December 2023
Review	2	21 August 2009	31 December 2023
Review	3	12 December 2019	31 December 2023

Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference

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