

Title	Pre-trim carcasses in a meat processing operation		
Level	3	Credits	5

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to pre-trim carcasses in a meat processing operation.
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Classification	Meat Processing > Boning Operations
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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:
 - Animal Products Act 1999;
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015; and any subsequent amendments.
- 2 Resource documents include but are not limited to – *Code of Practice Red Meat: Post Slaughter Activity, Chapter 9*, available from the Ministry for Primary Industries at [Operational code: Red meat post slaughter activity Code of Practice Chapter 9 \(mpi.govt.nz\)](https://www.mpi.govt.nz/operational-code-red-meat-post-slaughter-activity-code-of-practice-chapter-9).
- 3 Consistent organisational production output targets apply to the performance of this activity. These may include but are not limited to – hourly output, shift output, daily output.
- 4 Definitions
Company specifications – product specifications set by the company relating to cuts, weights, presentation, and packaging.
Organisational requirements – instructions to staff on policies and procedures that are documented in memo, electronic, or manual format and available in the workplace.
- 5 Range
 Carcasses may include but are not limited to – bobby calves, cattle, sheep and lambs, deer, pig, goat, horses, other animals used in the meat processing sector.

Visible defects include but are not limited to – any pathology, parasitic lesions in excess of those permitted in the post-mortem criteria, bruises, blood clots, clusters of hair or wool, hide, rail dust, dirt, stains, grease, extraneous material.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Pre-trim carcasses in a meat processing operation.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Pre-trim carcasses prior to boning or breaking down operations and remove all visible defects and contamination in accordance with company specifications.

Range evidence of five carcasses for one type of animal is required.

- 1.2 Trim meat to maximise meat yield and minimise damage to the required meat cuts in accordance with organisational requirements.

- 1.3 Discard inedible and contaminated trimmings in accordance with organisational and legislative requirements.

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Replacement information	<p>This unit standard was replaced by skill standard 40398.</p> <p>This unit standard replaced unit standard 20218, unit standard 20223, unit standard 20244, unit standard 20245, and unit standard 20247.</p>
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This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.

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