

<b>Title</b>	<b>Demonstrate understanding of ante-mortem examination of animal products used for human consumption</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>30</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	<p>This unit standard is for people who are employed in a meat processing operation to carry out ante-mortem examinations of animals used for human consumption.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate understanding of: the industry standards for ante-mortem examination facilities; the purpose of, and presentation standards for, ante-mortem examination; the equipment, requirements, and procedures to perform ante-mortem examination; the anatomical features and characteristics of healthy animals; and the Animal Products Act as it applies to ante-mortem examination.</p>
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<b>Classification</b>	Meat Processing > Animal Product Examination
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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### Guidance Information

- 1 Demonstration of competency must be consistent with all relevant legislation and subsequent amendments; this includes but is not limited to:
  - Workplace procedures
  - Industry standards
  - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015
  - Animal Products Act 1999
  - Animal Welfare Act 1999.
  
- 2 Industry standards refer to:
  - Ministry for Primary Industries' Operational Codes available at - <http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/elibrary/industry/red-meat-code-practice/index.htm>
  - Ministry for Primary Industries' standards available at <http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/industry/sectors/meat-ostrich-emu-game/meatman/>
  - Overseas Market Access Requirements (OMARs)
  
- 3 Definitions
 

*Workplace procedures* refer to the verbal and written policies and procedures on safety and operation set down by the employer or organisation.

*Animals* – animals to be slaughtered for human consumption.

- 4 In the context of this unit standard, *understanding* means that there should be evidence of a learners' thorough comprehension of a topic. A learner with a good understanding of a topic should have applied, or should be able to apply what they have learnt to a workplace situation and will be able to alter their practices to the different contexts they are applying their learning to. Assessors should be confident that the learners' understanding is embedded in their practices and behaviour.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Demonstrate understanding of the industry standards for ante-mortem examination facilities.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Describe the industry standards for animal examination facilities.
- 1.2 Describe the industry standards for ante-mortem examination facilities.

### Outcome 2

Demonstrate understanding of the purpose of, and the presentation standards for, animals presented for ante-mortem examination.

#### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Describe the purpose of ante-mortem examination.
- 2.2 Describe the industry presentation standards for animals presented for ante-mortem examination.

### Outcome 3

Demonstrate understanding of the equipment, requirements, and procedures to perform ante-mortem examination.

#### Performance criteria

- 3.1 Describe the use of equipment required to carry out ante-mortem examination of animals.
- 3.2 Describe the industry standards for ante-mortem examination requirements.
- Range examples of requirements – animals eligible for processing, criteria and disposition for food animals.
- 3.3 Describe the organisational procedures for ante-mortem examination.
- 3.4 Describe the organisational requirements and industry standards for reporting and recording defects identified during ante-mortem examination.

**Outcome 4**

Demonstrate understanding of the anatomical features and characteristics of healthy animals.

Range evidence is required of the animals processed in the candidate's workplace.

**Performance criteria**

- 4.1 Describe the characteristics and anatomical features of healthy animals.
- 4.2 Describe the visual appearance and behaviour of healthy animals.
- 4.3 Describe the appearance, behaviour, production and growth, morbidity or mortality of animals in poor health.

**Outcome 5**

Demonstrate understanding of the Animal Products Act 1999 as it applies to ante-mortem examination.

**Performance criteria**

- 5.1 Describe the object of the Animal Products Act 1999 in relation to ante-mortem examination.
- 5.2 Describe risk factors relevant to ante-mortem examination in relation to their impact on the ante-mortem process.
- 5.3 Describe the impact of subordinate legislation and industry standards relevant to ante-mortem on the examination process.
- 5.4 Describe regulatory responses for legislative non-compliances.
- 5.5 Describe the impact of export requirements that apply to ante-mortem examination on the examination process.

Range examples of export requirements – OMARs, Official Assurances Programme (OAP), external verification.

<b>Replacement information</b>	This unit standard replaced unit standard 13474, unit standard 20204, unit standard 22046, and unit standard 22048.
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**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>.

**Comments on this unit standard**

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