

Title	Describe ante-mortem examination of animal products used for human consumption		
Level	4	Credits	10

Purpose	<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 describe: the intent and outcomes of ante-mortem examination; the requirements for ante-mortem examination facilities, equipment, and documentation; the anatomical features and characteristics of healthy and sick, injured or defective animals; and the procedures for ante-mortem examination.</p>
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Classification	Meat Processing > Animal Product Examination
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Available grade	Achieved
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Prerequisite	Unit standard 27751, <i>Demonstrate knowledge of post-mortem examination of animal products used for human consumption</i> , or similar skills and knowledge as approved by the Ministry of Primary Industries.
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Guidance Information

1 Legislation and references

Demonstration of competency must be consistent with all relevant legislation and subsequent amendments; this includes but is not limited to:

- Animal Products Act 1999
- Animal Welfare Act 1999.
- Health and Safety at Work Act 2015
- Industry standards
- Workplace procedures

2 Industry standards refer to:

- Ministry for Primary Industries' Operational Codes available at [Codes of Practice documents | NZ Government \(mpi.govt.nz\)](https://www.mpi.govt.nz/practice-documents/)
- Ministry for Primary Industries' standards available at <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/>
- Overseas Market Access Requirements (OMARs).

3 Definitions

Animals – animals to be slaughtered for human consumption.

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

4 Assessment

In the context of this unit standard, the term *describe* means the learner can demonstrate this knowledge using a variety of means (written, diagrams, showing the assessor, verbal) provided there is documented evidence. 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.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe the intent and outcomes of ante-mortem examination.

Performance criteria

1.1 The applicable legislation including domestic and export requirements for ante-mortem examination are described.

Range must include but is not limited to – the Animal Products Act, and applicable parts of Animal Products Regulation and Notices. Red Meat Codes of Practice.

1.2 The fitness for slaughter for human consumption requirements is described.

Range must include but is not limited to – animals eligible for processing.

Outcome 2

Describe the requirements for ante-mortem examination facilities, equipment, and documentation.

Performance criteria

2.1 The requirements for animal examination facilities are described.

2.2 The equipment used at ante-mortem examination is described.

2.3 Recording and reporting requirements of an ante-mortem examiner are described.

Range must include but is not limited to Animal Status Declarations, Veterinary Certificates, Permission to remove stock from site, pen cards and/or kill sheets.

Outcome 3

Describe the anatomical features and characteristics of healthy and sick, injured or defective animals.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 The characteristics and anatomical features of healthy animals are described.
- 3.2 The visual appearance and behaviour of healthy animals are described.
- 3.3 The appearance, behaviour, production and growth, morbidity or mortality of animals in poor health are described.
- 3.4 The dispositions available to an ante-mortem examiner are described.
- 3.5 Working with live animals is described.

Outcome 4

Describe the procedures for ante-mortem examination.

Range must include but is not limited to – fit for human consumption, not fit for human consumption and other options such as emergency slaughter or special veterinary disposition (SPVD).

Performance criteria

- 4.1 Tags and how they relate to fitness for purpose are described.

Range must include but is not limited to – c.Bovis, TB, m.Bovis, residues, and hormonal growth promotants (HGP).
- 4.2 Procedures for animals which are fit for human consumption are described.
- 4.3 Procedures for animals which are not fit for human consumption including those that are condemned or eligible for petfood are described.
- 4.4 Options where the outcome is unclear are described.

Range must include but is not limited to – emergency slaughter, altered slaughter schedule, SPVD, treatment or return to owner.
- 4.5 Suspect exotic disease procedures are described.

Range must include but is not limited to signs of disease, company procedures and documentation requirements.

Replacement information	This unit standard replaced unit standard 13474, unit standard 20204, unit standard 22046, and unit standard 22048.
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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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