

<b>Title</b>	<b>Use and maintain hand knives in a primary products food processing operation</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to: maintain hand knives; and cut product in a primary products food processing operation.
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<b>Classification</b>	Primary Products Food Processing > Primary Products Food Processing - Operational Skills
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<b>Available grade</b>	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 All performance criteria in this unit standard must be in accordance with organisational requirements.
- 3 Definitions
 

*Organisational requirements* – instructions to staff on policies and procedures that are documented in memo, electronic, or manual format and available in the workplace.

*Steel* – the process of using a sharpening tool to maintain the edge of a knife.

*Stone* – the process of using a grinding stone or similar tool to reshape the edge of a knife.
- 4 Range
 

Primary products food processing operation may include – meat processing and meat manufactured products, dairy processing, seafood or baking yeasts manufacturing.
- 5 Evidence for the practical components of this unit standard must be supplied from within the workplace.

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### Outcomes and performance criteria

#### Outcome 1

Maintain hand knives in a primary products food processing operation.

**Performance criteria**

- 1.1 Steel knives during runs to retain a sharp edge.
- 1.2 Stone knives when necessary between runs to retain a sharp edge.
- 1.3 Keep knives free of all contaminants.
- 1.4 Complete cutting work using the correct bevel without the use of excessive force or damage to the blade.
- 1.5 Clean knives and evaluate sharpness, and document results.
- 1.6 Carry and store blades without damage and wearing correct safety equipment.
- 1.7 Replace knives when worn, unsafe, and no longer appropriate for the job being done.
- 1.8 Maintain knife handles in safe and hygienic condition.
- 1.9 Use knife maintenance techniques in a manner that avoids risk of injury to the operator and other workers.

**Outcome 2**

Cut product in a primary products food processing operation.

Range evidence for one cut used in the learner's workplace is required.

**Performance criteria**

- 2.1 Use a knife to cut product.

<b>Replacement information</b>	This unit standard replaced unit standard 2503.
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**Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions**

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	27 January 2015	31 December 2021
Review	2	24 October 2019	N/A

<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	0022
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

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**Comments on this unit standard**

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