

Title	Complete ante-mortem examination of animals used for animal consumption		
Level	3	Credits	10

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is for people who are employed to carry out ante-mortem examinations in an operation processing meat for animal consumption.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: demonstrate understanding of requirements for animal handling; move, handle, and examine animals in enclosures; detect and diagnose diseases and defects in animals, make judgements and apply dispositions in a meat processing operation.</p>
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Classification	Meat Processing > Animal Product Examination
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 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
 - Legislative requirements for an animal product examiner
 - Manufacturer's guidelines for equipment use
 - Workplace procedures
- Legislative requirements refer to:
 - Animal Products: Specifications for Products Intended for Animal Consumption Notice*, Ministry for Primary Industries, available at <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/law-and-policy/requirements/animal-products-act-notice/>;
 - Ministry of Primary Industries Operational Code Petfood Processing – <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/23965/sitemap>.
- Definitions

Animals – include but are not limited to sheep, bovines, horses.

Dispositions – action of ensuring examined animals that have abnormalities are managed in accordance with legislative requirements.

Facilities – paddocks, yards.

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

- 4 In the context of this unit standard, *understanding* means that there should be evidence of a learner's 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 learner's understanding is embedded in their practices and behaviour.
- 5 Diseases requiring report in this unit standard are those listed in the Ministry for Primary Industries' Notifiable Organisms list, available at <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/protection-and-response/finding-and-reporting-pests-and-diseases/registers-and-lists/>.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate understanding of requirements for animal handling.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Techniques for moving animals for ante-mortem examination are described.
- 1.2 Features of facilities that inhibit stock handling and movement, impacting on their handling are described.
- Range a minimum of seven features.
- 1.3 Techniques for moving animals in confined spaces are described.
- 1.4 Characteristics of young animal behaviour, moving animal behaviour, and sick and injured animal behaviour are described.
- 1.5 Techniques that enhance operator safety in enclosures, a minimum of four are demonstrated.

Outcome 2

Move, handle, and examine animals in enclosures.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Animal behaviour and controlling their movement ensuring minimum stress and least risk of injury to animal and examiner are demonstrated.
- 2.2 Animals are examined.
- 2.3 Ante-mortem documentation is completed.
- 2.4 Ante-mortem findings are communicated to the processing plant.

Outcome 3

Detect and diagnose diseases and defects in animals, make judgements and apply dispositions in a meat processing operation.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Diseases and defects seen during ante-mortem examination are detected and diagnosed.
- 3.2 Ante-mortem examination findings are made, and dispositions to inspected animals are applied.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

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Registration	1	20 July 2017	31 December 2026
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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	0033
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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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