

<b>Title</b>	<b>Demonstrate understanding of ante-mortem examination of animals used for animal consumption</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>10</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 animal consumption.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate understanding of: the purpose and procedures for ante-mortem examination; the characteristics of healthy animals; the requirements for farmed animals approved for slaughter; and the obligations of examiners when carrying out ante-mortem examinations.</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:
  - *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-notices/>
  - Ministry of Primary Industries Operational Code Petfood Processing – <http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/elibrary/industry/processing-code-practice-petfood/index.htm>.
- 3 Definitions
 

*Animals* – for the purpose of this unit standard *animals* refer to animals slaughtered for pet food including mammals, birds, and poultry.

*Examiners* – ante-mortem examiners and post-mortem examiners.

*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.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Demonstrate understanding of the purpose and procedures for ante-mortem examination of animals.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Describe the purpose of ante-mortem examination as defined by industry standards.
- 1.2 Describe the industry standards for ante-mortem examination.
- 1.3 Describe the procedures for reporting and recording defects identified during ante-mortem examination according to industry standards.

### Outcome 2

Demonstrate understanding of the characteristics of healthy animals.

#### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Describe the appearance and behaviour of at least seven healthy animals.

### Outcome 3

Demonstrate understanding of the requirements for farmed animals approved for slaughter.

#### Performance criteria

- 3.1 Describe the supporting evidence and conditions required for animals to be eligible for on-farm humane slaughter according to industry standards.  
  
Range at least nine conditions.
- 3.2 Describe the guidelines that determine a farmed animal does not meet the criteria for on-farm humane slaughter.
- 3.3 Describe the guidelines for abnormalities, disease, and defects in animals that must be excluded from petfood.
- 3.4 Describe the legality associated with the acceptance of, and hazards associated with, animals that have died in the field.

**Outcome 4**

Demonstrate understanding of the obligations of examiners when carrying out ante-mortem examinations.

**Performance criteria**

- 4.1 Describe the obligations of examiners when carrying out ante-mortem examinations.
- 4.2 Describe the relationship between the requirements of a risk management programme and the functions of examiners.
- 4.3 Describe at least four regulatory responses for non-compliance with the Animal Products Act 1999.

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<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	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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