

<b>Title</b>	<b>Assist with wool harvesting tasks in the woolshed</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>10</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credit with this unit standard are able to: assist with safely setting up a woolshed for use; assist with penning up sheep; crutch and shear sheep under supervision; assist with wool preparation; and assist with pressing wool.
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<b>Classification</b>	Wool Harvesting > Wool Handling
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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### Guidance Information

- Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
  - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
  - Animal Welfare Act 1999.
- Resource documents may include but are not limited to:
 

*Safe Sheep Shearing Best Practice Guidelines*, available from WorkSafe at <https://worksafe.govt.nz/topic-and-industry/agriculture/working-with-animals/working-with-sheep/safe-sheep-shearing-gpg/>

*Clip Preparation – Best Practice Guidelines* (May 2016), available from the NZ Wool Classer Association at [https://www.woolclassers.org.nz/images/resources/NZWCA\\_2016\\_Clip\\_preparation\\_document.pdf](https://www.woolclassers.org.nz/images/resources/NZWCA_2016_Clip_preparation_document.pdf)

*Code of Welfare: Sheep and Beef Cattle*, available from the Ministry of Primary Industries at <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/1450-sheep-and-beef-cattle-animal-welfare-code-of-welfare>.
- Definitions
 

*Bale* – defined as being between a minimum of 100kg and maximum of 200kg in weight.

*Minimum industry quality requirements* – the minimum number of skin cuts, tassels, second cuts, and ridges.

*On-farm procedures* – refer to the verbal or written instructions to staff on procedures for animal care, welfare, and management.

*Penning up* – filling up the catching pen with sheep.

*Wool market representative requirements* – contract specifications as set out by the wool buyer.

*Workplace procedures* – instructions to staff on procedures that are documented in memo, electronic or manual format and available in the workplace.
- All wool harvesting tasks must ensure safe work practices are followed and be conducted under supervision.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Assist with safely setting up a woolshed for use.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Set up the woolshed for use, demonstrating safe work practices and maintaining awareness of potential hazards in accordance with on-farm procedures.
- 1.2 Undertake basic maintenance of equipment during set up of a woolshed.
- Range may include but is not limited to – filling oil bottles, oiling gate hinges, oiling down tubes, check floor grating, check lighting safety equipment.
- 1.3 Identify any hazards which may impact on the safe set up of the woolshed.
- Range may include but is not limited to – broken gates, broken floor grating damage on the shearing board, lack of safety equipment.

### Outcome 2

Assist with penning up sheep.

#### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Identify and keep mobs separate in accordance with on-farm procedures.
- 2.2 Handle sheep into catching pens, causing minimum stress and avoiding injury to self or sheep.

### Outcome 3

Crutch and shear sheep under supervision.

#### Performance criteria

- 3.1 Crutch sheep without injury to self or sheep and remove all dirty wool from the crutch area in accordance with animal welfare requirements and on-farm procedures.
- 3.3 Catch and present sheep for shearing in accordance with animal welfare requirements and on farm procedures.
- 3.3 Shear sheep using a sequence and pattern and without injury to self or sheep in accordance with minimum industry quality requirements.

**Outcome 4**

Assist with wool preparation.

**Performance criteria**

- 4.1 Identify and separate the parts of the fleece in accordance with minimum industry quality requirements.
- 4.2 Collect the fleece from the board and throw onto the wool table, ensuring the entire fleece remains on the table.
- 4.3 Identify and separate wool faults from the main part of the fleece in accordance with minimum industry quality requirements.
- Range length, colour, contamination.

**Outcome 5**

Assist with pressing wool.

**Performance criteria**

- 5.1 Check and report any problems which may affect the safe operation of the wool press prior to use in accordance with workplace procedures.
- 5.2 Assist with preparing wool and associated equipment for pressing.
- Range may include but is not limited to – fadges, bale clips and tools, bale hooks, wool press pins, marker pen.
- 5.3 Assist with the loading of the wool press, pressing of wool, correctly pinning the bale, and removing the bale from the wool press in accordance with workplace procedures.
- 5.4 Assist with correctly branding and recording bale contents in accordance with on farm procedures and wool market representative requirements.

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Registration	1	12 December 2019	N/A

<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	0052
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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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