

<b>Title</b>	<b>Describe bird feeding, health, housing, and routine health procedures</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>3</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	<p>This unit standard is intended for people working in an animal care context.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to describe: nutritional requirements, diets, and feeding of birds; health, variations to normal health and behaviour, and clinical signs of birds requiring isolation; the ideal condition and routine health procedures for a bird; infectious diseases and parasites of birds, and their prevention and control programmes; and commercial bird housing.</p>
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<b>Classification</b>	Animal Care and Handling > Animal Care
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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## Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation and guidelines relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
  - Animal Welfare Act 1999;
  - Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996;
  - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
  - New Zealand Standard NZS 4304:2002 *Management of Healthcare Waste*;
  - Relevant National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee (NAEAC) guidelines at [www.mpi.govt.nz](http://www.mpi.govt.nz) under Animal Welfare;
  - Relevant National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC) Codes of Welfare at [www.mpi.govt.nz](http://www.mpi.govt.nz), under Animal Welfare;
  - Relevant New Zealand Veterinary Association (NZVA) standards, available at <https://www.nzva.org.nz>; and any subsequent amendments.
  
- 2 Definitions
 

An *animal facility* refers to a facility such as an animal boarding facility, a veterinary clinic, a pet shop, or an animal welfare facility.

*Workplace procedures* refer to the documented procedures for animal care, handling, and ethical behaviour codes required by the employer and must be consistent with equipment manufacturer's recommendations.
  
- 3 For the purposes of assessment:
  - evidence must be supplied from an animal facility or other commercial organisation.
  - evidence must be presented in accordance with workplace procedures.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Describe nutritional requirements, diets, and feeding of birds.

#### Performance criteria

1.1 Describe nutritional requirements of birds in terms of the variations due to species, body condition, when caring for young, and type of housing.

Range seed eaters, nectar eaters, omnivore.

1.2 Describe bird feed types in terms of their advantages and disadvantages, and storage requirements.

Range evidence of at least one advantage and one disadvantages of two bird feed types, is required.

1.3 Describe the potential impacts of an unbalanced diet on bird health.

Range evidence of two potential impacts is required.

1.4 Describe the types and uses of feeding and watering equipment for birds.

### Outcome 2

Describe health, variations to normal health and behaviour, and clinical signs of birds requiring isolation.

#### Performance criteria

2.1 Describe the clinical signs of health, and variations to normal health and behaviour.

Range evidence is required for at least six clinical signs.

2.2 Describe the clinical signs of an egg-bound bird.

2.3 Describe the clinical signs of birds requiring isolation.

Range evidence of at least two clinical signs is required.

### Outcome 3

Describe the ideal condition and routine health procedures for a bird.

#### Performance criteria

3.1 Describe the ideal physical condition of the bird.

Range condition of – body, feathers, eyes, beak.

3.2 Describe the procedures for clipping claws.

3.3 Describe routine health procedures required for birds.

Range oral medication – liquid.

#### Outcome 4

Describe infectious diseases and parasites of birds, and their prevention and control programmes.

#### Performance criteria

4.1 Describe the clinical signs, methods of transmission, prevention, and control programmes of infectious diseases.

Range evidence of two infectious diseases is required.

4.2 Describe the clinical signs, methods of transmission, prevention, and control programmes of parasites.

Range evidence of two parasites is required.

#### Outcome 5

Describe commercial bird housing.

#### Performance criteria

5.1 Describe commercial bird housing in terms of the ideal features.

Range includes but is not limited to – internal materials, size, safety features, security, environmental enrichment, comfort, waste disposal, isolation facility.

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#### Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

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Registration	1	26 August 2021	N/A

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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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