

Title	Apply health and safety and hazard control when working in an animal facility		
Level	3	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: identify risks and hazards in an animal facility; describe and document hazard control procedures in an animal facility; describe health, safety, welfare, and personal responsibilities contained in Acts and standards relevant to an animal facility; and work safely in an animal facility.
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Classification	Animal Care and Handling > Animal Care
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation, standards, and codes relevant to this unit standard include but are not limited to:
 - Animal Welfare Act 1999;
 - Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996;
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
 - Resource Management Act 1991;
 - New Zealand Standard NZS 4304:2002 *Management of Healthcare Waste*; available at <https://www.standards.govt.nz/shop/nzs-43042002/>;
 - Relevant New Zealand Veterinary Association (NZVA) standards, available at <https://www.nzva.org.nz/>;
 - Relevant National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC) Codes of Welfare, available at www.mpi.govt.nz, under Animal Welfare;
 - Relevant National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee (NAEAC) guidelines, available at www.mpi.govt.nz under Animal Welfare; and any subsequent amendments.

- 2 Definitions

Animal facility refers to a facility such as an animal boarding facility, a veterinary clinic, 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 of the animal facility and must be consistent with equipment manufacturer's recommendations.

- 3 For the purposes of assessment
 - evidence for the practical components of this unit standard must be supplied from a workplace or organisation.
 - evidence must be presented in accordance with workplace procedures.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Identify risks and hazards in an animal facility.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Identify animals in a facility in terms of the risks they present to personnel in the facility.
- Range risk of injury to people, risk from common zoonoses.
- 1.2 Identify personal hazards while working in an animal facility, in terms of the harm they may cause to personnel and animals.
- Range clothing, hair, footwear, lifting, carrying, handling, occupational overuse syndrome (OOS), allergies to animals or products.
- 1.3 Identify hazards relevant to an animal facility in terms of the harm they may cause to personnel.
- Range hazards may include but not limited to – equipment, chemicals and fumes, noise, biological, radiation;
gases may include but are not limited to – waste anaesthetic gases, oxygen in cylinders, compressed air;
evidence of at least three hazards in the animal facility is required.

Outcome 2

Describe and document hazard control procedures in an animal facility.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Describe hazard control in an animal facility in terms of the procedures for their elimination, isolation, and minimisation.
- Range evidence is required for hazard control procedures for at least two hazards from each of – animal, personal, animal facility.
- 2.2 Document hazard controls.
- Range includes but is not limited to – accident or incidents register, hazard register, report form;
evidence of two hazard control documents is required.

Outcome 3

Describe health, safety, welfare, and personal responsibilities contained in Acts and standards relevant to an animal facility.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Describe Acts and standards in terms of their implications to health, safety, and welfare in an animal facility.
- 3.2 Describe Acts and standards relating to personal responsibilities in an animal facility.

Outcome 4

Work safely in an animal facility.

Performance criteria

- 4.1 Use equipment safely in an animal facility.
- Range operating techniques, safety devices, preventative maintenance.
- 4.2 Manage personal safety.
- Range personal protective equipment, OOS, lifting, personal contamination, observation of safety information, signage, first aid facilities.
- 4.3 Handle and store hazardous materials.
- Range may include but is not limited to – chemicals, gases, compressed air, cleaning fluids, disposable equipment, organic waste materials;
evidence of at least four is required.

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Comments on this unit standard

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