

Meat Slicing and Rendering Projects

Summary of Feedback, Responses and Actions



May 2021

Draft qualifications, units of competency and skill sets for the Meat Slicing and Rendering Projects were made available on the [Skills Impact website](#) for stakeholder review from 31 March to 3 May 2021. Please visit the website to view a full list of the documents that were submitted for consultation during this phase.

Feedback was received from a variety of stakeholders around the country, as indicated in green below, via email, the Skills Impact Feedback Hub and webinars, via phone and email, as follows:

	ACT*	NSW	NT	Qld	SA	Tas**	Vic	WA	National
Industry (employer / employee)									
Industry association (includes feedback from Industry Advisory Bodies)									
Union									
Registered Training Organisation (RTO)									
Government department									

* No feedback received from ACT due to no meat rendering industry in this Territory.

** There is an SMEWG member from Tasmania providing feedback throughout the project but no additional feedback from industry received despite emails, phone calls, invitations to webinars being sent to other industry representatives in this state.

Four (4) Consultation Workshops were conducted during the 4-week Public Consultation phase in order to provide details of the changes made to date to the current training products and to encourage stakeholder feedback. Individuals on these webinars were from NSW, NT, WA, VIC, QLD, and SA.

Feedback received during the 'drafts available' period for the qualifications, units of competency and skill sets that have been developed for meat processing although minimal was very positive with some minor changes suggested by stakeholders. The limited feedback may also be a reflection on the fact that there are very few rendering plants operating across Australia with low employment numbers.

Below is a summary of the feedback raised for the draft qualifications, units of competency and skill sets developed and reviewed for the Meat Processing Project, and how these have been dealt with. This involves a consideration of the information provided, views of industry stakeholders and from people who are part of the Subject Matter Expert Working Group (SMEWG). Resolutions are constructed to consider the needs and views of stakeholders to the extent possible, and to comply with the *Standards for Training Package 2012*. The resolutions may represent a compromise on one or more stakeholder views with the aim of a workable outcome for industry, State and Territory Training Authorities (STAs/TTAs) and training providers.

Acronyms - PC – Performance Criteria, PE – Performance Evidence, KE – Knowledge Evidence, AC – Assessment Conditions, SMEs – Subject Matter Experts

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Summary of feedback on draft qualification AMP30X416 Certificate III in Meat Processing (Rendering)

Comments related to revised elective units – general comments

Stakeholder Comments and Identified Issues		Consideration and Proposed Resolution
RTO VIC	All units – the repetition or partial repetition of Performance Criteria as Performance Evidence does not conform to the Standards nor is it helpful for users of the units. The Performance Evidence field should contain details of particular evidence that can be observed and assessed which confirms achievement of the Performance Criteria. Partially repeating PCs as Performance Evidence only leads to ambiguity and confusion during assessment and RTO auditing.	<p>Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>The Performance Evidence in the units have been revised to remove duplication and to add value and clarify the quality of the evidence to be collected.</p>
RTO, VIC	Would you kindly indicate the qualifications within which all of these units will be housed. Victoria is unlikely to support endorsement of 'orphan' units i.e. units that are only available within Skill Sets and not within a qualification. It is essential that all units are available within qualifications in order that all learners can access government subsidised training towards units. Units provided only within Skill Sets (orphan units) may not receive government support i.e. subsidised training, in some jurisdictions e.g. Victoria.	<p>Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>AMP20316 Certificate II in Meat Processing (Abattoirs) will be updated to include the revised AMPS2X07 as an elective. This qualification will be released as minor update with the release of AMP Version 7.0. and will ensure there are no orphan units.</p>

General qualification comments

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Industry, QLD	You need 5 units out of group A. Most rendering plants will only be able to deliver 4 as each plant only has one type of rendering and most boilers are run by specific employees as they require a boiler ticket. So most plants will not be able to fill the requirements of a full qualification and will have to then lean to the skill set	<p>Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>A change has been made to the Packaging Rules to enable a flexible choice of units so as to avoid possible disadvantage to candidates and ensure that a full qualification can be completed to meet the employers/candidates needs.</p>
RTO, VIC	Would you kindly indicate the qualifications within which all of these units will be housed. Victoria is unlikely to support endorsement of 'orphan' units i.e. units that are only available within Skill Sets and not within a qualification. It is essential that all units are available within qualifications in order that all learners can access government subsidised training towards units. Units provided only within Skill Sets	<p>Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>AMP20316 Certificate II in Meat Processing (Abattoirs) will be updated to include the revised AMPS2X07 as an elective. This qualification will be released as minor update with the release of AMP Version 7.0. and will ensure there are no orphan units.</p>

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	(orphan units) may not receive government support i.e. subsidised training, in some jurisdictions e.g. Victoria	
Government department, WA	<p>Certificate III in Meat Processing (Rendering) is included in the project. The Qualification Mapping Information states:</p> <p>Code and title previous version MTM30416 Certificate III in Meat Processing (Rendering) - Is the qualification code correct? Is the superseded code - AMP30416?</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>This was a typographical error. The correct code for the current is AMP3X421 and this has been corrected in the release of the validation drafts.</p>

Comments related to revised Pre-Rendering Elective Units – General Comments

(includes AMPABA21X58 Operate meat size reduction equipment and AMPABA21X59 Operate blow line)

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Government department, WA	<p>AMPAABA21XX58 Operate meat size reduction equipment supersedes AMPA2158 Operate hogger</p> <p>AMPABA21X59 Operate blow line supersedes AMPA2159 Operate blow line</p> <p>The superseded units are listed in AMP20316 - Certificate II in Meat Processing (Abattoirs). Will AMP20316 be updated to include the new units as a minor change?</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>After the revised units are endorsed, it will be added to the electives of AMP20316 Certificate II in Meat Processing (Abattoirs), which will result in a new release (minor update) of this qualification in AMP Version 7.0.</p>

Comments related to revised Meat Slicing Unit– General Comments

(AMPS2X07 Slice product using simple machinery)

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Industry, SA	At Knowledge Evidence. The description needs to encompass a more general reference to contamination it can be product faults that may not be acceptable to the customer/consumer, a variety of foreign objects that may or may not be a consumption risk but remains an unacceptable quality issue.	Thank you for your feedback. Feedback from the SMEWG was sought regarding the changing Knowledge Evidence in Unit. Their advice supported the following: At Knowledge Evidence, change to “workplace procedures for contamination when product fault or foreign object causes consumption risk and/or unacceptable quality issue”
Government department, NT	Would you indicate the qualifications within which this unit will be housed.	Thank you for your feedback. After the revised unit is endorsed, it will be added to the electives of AMP20117 Certificate II in Meat Processing (Food Services), which will result in a new release (minor update) of this qualification in AMP Version 7.0. The other 3 qualifications that currently list AMPS207 will not be updated at this time, as a full industry of 10these qualifications is planned in the future.
Government department, WA	The new unit AMPS2X07 Slice product using simple machinery is superseding AMPS207 - Slice product using simple machinery. AMPS207 is listed in 5 qualifications and 6 skill sets. The 6 skill sets are being updated as part of the project. Will the 5 qualifications listing the superseded unit, AMPS207 be updated as a minor change?	Thank you for your feedback. After the revised unit is endorsed, it will be added to the electives of AMP20117 Certificate II in Meat Processing (Food Services), which will result in a new release (minor update) of this qualification in AMP Version 7.0. The other 3 qualifications that currently list AMPS207 will not be

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