

Pig and Poultry Farming

Stakeholder Feedback Report - Validation



November 2022

Draft qualifications, units of competency and skill sets for the Pig and Poultry Farming Project were made available on the Skills Impact website for stakeholder validation from 3 May until 27 May 2022. 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 via email, the Skills Impact Feedback Hub, webinars, and email, as follows:

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	National
Government Federal									
Government State									
Government Local									
Employer									
Peak Industry Body									
IRC Representative									
Regulator									
Training Board									
Registered Training Organisation (RTO)									
Union									
State Training Authority (STA)									
Other									

Note: both the pork and poultry industries have been greatly affected by Japanese encephalitis, foot and mouth and avian flu respectively over the course of the project. Access to many stakeholders was limited through the validation period as they were responding to these threats.

Below is a summary of the feedback raised for the draft qualifications, skill sets and units reviewed for the project at the Validation stage, 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) process. Resolutions are constructed to consider the needs and views of stakeholders to the extent possible, and to comply with the Standards for Training Packages 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) and training providers.

Acronyms: PC – Performance Criteria, PE – Performance Evidence, KE – Knowledge Evidence, AC – Assessment Conditions, SMEs – Subject Matter Experts, SMEWG – Subject Matter Expert Working Group

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Organisation Type: State Government, Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: VIC

Stakeholder Comments:

The word 'a' in the second paragraph of the Introduction is a typo

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for the feedback and noticing this error.

The typo has been corrected.

Organisation Type: Employer, Peak Industry Body

Coverage: NSW

Stakeholder Comments:

I recommend removing the health and welfare unit from Core as content is covered by the other Care and Welfare core unit. Also believe we only need 4 core units (biosecurity, WHS, Move and handle, Care and Welfare) I would also add AHCWRK204 unit to core (to replace the elective ACMGEN315 unit) because these units would provide a better initial skill base for learners. Rationale is that current ACMGEN315 unit says worker with clients, but most workers won't do this task.

Additional Stakeholder Support: Employer - NSW x 1

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Noted

Thank you for the feedback.

The SMEWG advised that both AHCLSK331 Comply with industry animal welfare requirements and AHCPRK2X1 Care for health and welfare of pigs should remain in the core of this qualification, because they have different outcomes. Both of these outcomes have been designed as core knowledge and skill requirements for those completing the qualification. The units complement each other well, as LSK331 is a broader, more holistic livestock unit, and PRK2X1 is pork specific.

ACMGEN315 Communicate effectively with clients and team members has been replaced in the General Electives of the qualification with BSBXCM301 Engage in workplace communication. The SMEWG advised that AHCWRK204 Work effectively in the industry is not appropriate to list in this qualification, as this unit's outcomes are generic and not at the appropriate level for the jobs covered by the qualification.

Organisation Type: State Government

Coverage: WA

Stakeholder Comments:

Should this (ACMGEN315 - Communicate effectively with clients and team members) be included?

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for picking up this error.

This feedback has been adopted.

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: TAS, VIC

Stakeholder Comments:

Is there a way to encourage more engagement with the A and B unit blocks?

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Noted

Thank you for the feedback.

We have encouraged engagement with the A and B unit blocks in the following ways in the packaging rules:

The number of units selected from Groups A and B was discussed with the SMEWG and the current wording was confirmed as the most appropriate -

- at least 2 units must be from elective group A
- at least 5 units must be from elective group B

Based on the packaging rules, a minimum of 7 of the 11 electives (63%) must be selected from Groups A and B, while it remains possible for all 11 elective units being selected from these groups. Advice will be added in the AHC Companion Volume Implementation Guide to say industry strongly recommends elective units be selected from Groups A and B as the most useful for working in commercial pork production.

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AHCNEWXXX2	Poultry Breeding Technician Skill Set
AHCSS00122	Pork Industry Stockperson Skill Set
AHCSSNEWXXX4	Poultry Services Provider Skill Set
AHCSSNEWXXX1	Poultry Farm Technician Skill Set
AHCSSPORK000X1	Pig Health And Welfare Supervisor Skill Set

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: VIC

Stakeholder Comments:

Should the pathway information say it's going 'towards a specialisation...'?

8 units is half a qualification

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Noted

Thank you for the feedback.

Skills Impact sought Training Package Quality Assurance advice on the suggestion and decided that it is better that the Pathways advice remains generic (i.e.- These units of competency credit towards AHC30522 Certificate III in Poultry Production).

The SMEWG advised that a Poultry Breeding Technician requires a broad range of skills. It confirmed that all eight units are required in this Skill Set, and also added - AHCLSK304 Carry out post-mortem examination of livestock. The SMEWG does not think that this should be a specialisation within the qualification, but that a large skill set is the most appropriate product at this time.

Organisation Type: State Government

Coverage: WA

Stakeholder Comments:

AHCPLY3X7 Implement and monitor biosecurity measures in poultry production, Unit code may require reviewing

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for picking up this error.

The temporary code should have been AHCPY3X4. Note - This unit code will become AHCPY312 when Implement and monitor biosecurity measures in poultry production is submitted for endorsement. This code has been reflected in the final draft of this skill set.

Organisation Type: Peak Industry Body, IRC Representative

Coverage: VIC

Stakeholder Comments:

Add in unit AHCLSK304 Carry out post-mortem examination of livestock

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for the feedback.

The SMEWG have agreed to add AHCLSK304 Carry out post-mortem examination of livestock to this Skill Set.

Organisation Type: Employer

Coverage: QLD

Stakeholder Comments:

Document approved in validation

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Noted

Thank you for your feedback that this Skill Set meets the needs of industry.

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: VIC

Stakeholder Comments:

Should the Pathway section read '...towards a specialisation in AHC305XX' ...? Qualification rules required selection of a specialisation.

A large number of units for a skill set. Nine units of the 16 required for a qualification specialising in Poultry Services.

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Noted

Thank you for the feedback.

Skills Impact sought Training Package Quality Assurance advice on the suggestion and decided that it is better that the Pathways advice remains generic (i.e.- These units of competency credit towards AHC30522 Certificate III in Poultry Production).

The SMEWG advised that a Poultry Services Provider requires a broad range of skills and confirmed that all nine units are required in this Skill Set.

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: VIC

Stakeholder Comments:

In relation to the Pathways information-should it read 'towards a specialisation in AHC305XX' ...? According to the AHC305XX Certificate III in Poultry Production packing rules, at least one specialisation has to be chosen.

Ten units for the Poultry Farm Technician Skill Set to perform a range of skilled tasks as a farm technician appears to be more like a job role. The Certificate III in Poultry Production (Poultry farm technician) consists of 16 units with very similar outcomes.

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Noted

Thank you for the feedback.

Skills Impact sought Training Package Quality Assurance advice on the suggestion and decided that it is better that the Pathways advice remains generic (i.e.- These units of competency credit towards AHC30522 Certificate III in Poultry Production).

The SMEWG advised that while a Poultry Farm Technician requires a broad range of skills, not all technicians will clean and disinfect poultry sheds. Therefore, AHCPLY3X3 Clean and disinfect poultry sheds has been removed from this Skill Set. The SMEWG members do not believe that this is a specialised position within the sector, and therefore, a large skill set is the most appropriate product at this time.

Organisation Type: Peak Industry Body, IRC Representative

Coverage: VIC

Stakeholder Comments:

Remove unit AHCPLY3X3 Clean and disinfect poultry sheds

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for the feedback.

The SMEWG agreed to remove this unit from the Skill Set, as the unit will not be required by technicians on all poultry farms.

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: VIC

Stakeholder Comments:

Code and title error (no capital 'And', no 'O' in PRK)

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for the feedback.

The capitalisation error in the Skill Set title has been corrected and a new code assigned as part of the finalisation processes.

Organisation Type: State Government

Coverage: WA

Stakeholder Comments:

Skill set title may require reviewing

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for picking up this error.

The title has been corrected and now reads Livestock Health and Welfare Supervisor Skill Set.

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: TAS, VIC

Stakeholder Comments:

Can we add the Certificate III in Agriculture in the Pathways section?

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Noted

Thank you for the feedback.

The SMEWG advised not to add the Certificate III in Agriculture in the Pathways Information, as this Skill Set covers supervisory work outcomes that typically reflect AQF level 4, and most learners would have already achieved a Certificate III prior to enrolling in this Skill Set. It is possible for RTOs to use the relevant units in the Skill Set as credit towards qualifications at AQF level 3 if that is appropriate.

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AHCPLY2X5	Grade and pack eggs for human consumption
AHCPLY2X6	Catch and load poultry
AHCPLY3X4	Implement and monitor biosecurity measures in poultry production
AHCPLY3X6	Set up sheds for placement of poultry
AHCPRK2X1	Care for health and welfare of pigs
AHCPRK2X2	Move and handle pigs
AHCPRK3X1	Care for sows prior, during and after farrowing
AHCPRK3X3	Care for weaner pigs
AHCPRK3X4	Treat rectal prolapse in pigs
AHCPRK4X1	Implement a feeding strategy for pig production

AHCPY2X5

Grade and pack eggs for human consumption

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Organisation Type: Peak Industry Body, IRC Representative

Coverage: VIC, National

Stakeholder Comments:

Move PC 2.6 to after 2.8

Additional Stakeholder Support: Employer - NSW x 1, Peak Industry Body - NSW x 1

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for the feedback.

The suggestion has been adopted.

Organisation Type: Peak Industry Body, IRC Representative

Coverage: VIC

Stakeholder Comments:

PC 2.1. Add crates

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for the feedback.

The suggestion has been adopted, and now reads as: '2.1 Move birds into catching area or remove birds from cages or crates using safe manual handling, and safe and low stress bird handling techniques.'

Organisation Type: Peak Industry Body, IRC Representative

Coverage: VIC

Stakeholder Comments:

Would the identification of diseases involve bird handling?

Would low stress handling techniques be required to carry out any of the duties (i.e. added to KE)?

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Noted

Thank you for the feedback.

The SMEWG advised that typically birds would not be handled in this unit, and therefore low stress handling techniques are not appropriate in the KE or elsewhere in this unit.

Organisation Type: Peak Industry Body

Coverage: VIC

Stakeholder Comments:

Make sure that PC 3.8, Complete records accurately, is reflected in the PE

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for the feedback.

Accurate completion of records and/or reports is included the PE.

Organisation Type: Peak Industry Body, IRC Representative

Coverage: VIC

Stakeholder Comments:

Add in PC 3.8 Complete records accurately and report issues as required

Additional Stakeholder Support: Peak Industry Body - NSW x 1

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for the feedback.

The suggestion has been adopted and a PC 3.8 has been added which reads '3.8 Complete records and report issues as required'.

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: NSW

Stakeholder Comments:

The existing unit (pre-project draft) is adequate for this UoC we feel.

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Noted

Thank you for the feedback.

Based on SMEWG advice this unit has been revised to reflect current work practices and to strengthen pig health care knowledge and skill outcomes. The unit has also been recoded to indicate it now reflects AQF level 3 outcomes.

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: NSW

Stakeholder Comments:

Replace PC 4.5 with this wording-

'4.5 Store vaccines, medications and treatments according to product label requirements and veterinary advise'

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for the feedback.

The suggestion has largely been adopted PC 4.5 now states - Store vaccines, medications and treatments according to product label and enterprise requirements.

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: NSW

Stakeholder Comments:

Re: Performance Evidence - (Stakeholder suggested edits/comments appear in square brackets [] below)

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has safely and effectively cared for at least three different individual or groups of pigs over a period of 5 days. Each group must include at least three pigs. For each group, the individual must have:

The individual is required to:

- identified at least identified at least two hazards, and assessed and controlled and/or reported associated risks
- identify one (1) hazard or potential hazard and how this hazard was or could be controlled or reported to be rectified
- select, check and correctly fit appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)
- used safe and low stress animal handling techniques
- maintained feed and water availability
- maintained pig environments, including:
 - cleaned feeding and watering equipment
 - identified and reported signs of pest and/or predator activity
 - disposed of waste materials according to environmental requirements
 - checked pig for signs of abnormal discharge [Not relevant to this unit (save for Farrowing and mating units)]
 - monitored and reported basic pig health and identified signs of:
 - ill health, injury or distress
 - abnormal or depressed appetite
 - non-routine behaviour

The individual must also have treated at least five different pigs as directed, including: [(Quantity is unrealistic- what if there are no sick pigs? You can't assume health status and treatment needs)]

If pigs have required intervention or have been administered with animal health treatments the individual has:

- used appropriate techniques and location to administer treatments
- safely handled and stored materials used for treatments according to enterprise health, safety, environmental and biosecurity requirements
- documented all treatments provided to pigs according to enterprise requirements

In addition to the above, the individual must have: [(Again we are assuming there is a health problem or death- this may not be the case so the wording MUST and giving a quantity may not be possible)]

- isolated at least one pig showing signs of illness or abnormal behaviour according to enterprise biosecurity procedures
- removed at least one dead or non-viable pig according to enterprise biosecurity and/or environmental procedures

Where these skills cannot be demonstrated due to the ad hoc nature of animal rearing a scenario or further questioning maybe necessary to gather evidence of knowledge and skills.

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Noted

Thank you for the feedback.

(It is noted that the feedback appears to have been provided on the first or consultation draft, rather than the validation draft, as the requirement to check pigs for signs of abnormal discharge was removed prior to the release of the validation draft. Regardless, the feedback has been considered, and the following noted in response.)

The SMEWG considered the suggested changes and advised not change the PE, because it has been designed to collect valid and sufficient evidence to enable an assessor to make a judgement on a person's competency in this unit. The PE also has sufficient flexibility to suit a variety of pork production sites.

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: NSW

Stakeholder Comments:

Knowledge Evidence Edits- (Stakeholder suggested edits/comments appear in square brackets [] below)

Dot point 2-

- signs of common pig ill health, diseases and injuries, and detection methods including:
- irregular behaviour, including self-isolation, lethargy, loss of appetite and drinking thirst
- check condition, appearance and respiratory function including: [(too specific with symptoms- needs to be more generalised- a good assessor can flesh out required information)]
- checks including weight and breathing rate

- [(limp in step, straight tail, head tilt and body tremors)] Gait and unusual motion
- [(checking skin for red patches, scabs, bleeding, lesions, swelling, and open wounds)] Skin condition including injury, evidence of fighting or infection
- [(checking for unusual discharges from eyes, nose and genitalia)] Unusual discharge
- [(abnormal faeces)] Scouring, colour change or evidence of parasite infestation

[Delete Dot Point 11, These should remain in health unit and a good trainer will include this in Biosecurity and WHS component content]

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Noted

Thank you for the feedback.

The SMEWG considered the suggested changes and advised not change the KE, because it has been designed to collect valid and sufficient evidence to enable an assessor to make a judgement on a person's competency in this unit.

The SMEWG also considered it too risky to reduce the specificity of some of the KE statements and to leave the specifics to the discretion of individual assessors, as this has the potential for inconsistent outcomes across various RTOs.

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: TAS, VIC

Stakeholder Comments:

Can this unit be AQF level 3? It would be more appropriate if so.

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for the feedback.

Based on SMEWG advice this unit has been revised to reflect current work practices and to strengthen pig health care knowledge and skill outcomes. The unit has also been recoded to indicate it now reflects AQF level 3 outcomes. The final code and title for this unit is AHCPRK311 Care for health and welfare of pigs.

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: TAS, VIC

Stakeholder Comments:

Explain in the CVIG the 4 different pig groups.

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for the feedback.

Information will be included in the AHC Companion Volume Implementation Guide that the four different pig groups in this and other revised AHC Pork sector units does not mean that the pigs have to be of different breeds, sex or age group. It means the same pigs cannot be part of more than one group. Therefore, in this unit it requires four different groups of pigs with at least three pigs in each group, a minimum of 12 pigs is required to complete the PE.

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: NSW

Stakeholder Comments:

PC's-

Delete 2.1 and incorporate it into 1.1.

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Noted

Thank you for the feedback.

The SMEWG advised that both PC 1.1 and 2.1 need to stay.

PC 1.1 "Confirm pigs to be moved, their current location, their destination and timing of the move" is about identifying the group of pigs being relocated.

PC 2.1 "Determine pigs to be moved individually and/or in groups" covers the decisions that need to be made when physically sighting and moving the pigs.

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: NSW

Stakeholder Comments:

PC's-

Merge 2.3 and 2.4, using this wording

'2.3 Monitor pig behaviour during all handling and moving activities, and identifying, minimising and responding to situations and hazards that arise to avoid injury to self, others and pigs'

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for the feedback.

The SMEWG considered the suggestion and it has been adopted as follows:

- PC 2.4 has been deleted and "safe and low stress handling techniques" included in PC 2.2.
- PC 2.3 has been revised to read - "Monitor pig behaviour during all handling and moving activities, identify and respond to situations and hazards that arise to avoid or minimise injury to self, others and pigs".

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: NSW

Stakeholder Comments:

PC's-

3.1- Change wording to read '3.1 Move pigs to secure housing or enclosure and/or restrain pigs according to enterprise WHS, husbandry and welfare procedures requirements, using safe and low stress handling techniques'

Unnecessary to repeat "using safe and low stress handling techniques" as this should be encapsulated in the enterprise WHS, husbandry and welfare procedures covered in previous performance criteria

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for the feedback.

'Safe and low stress handling technique" have been removed from this PC.

The SMEWG advised to simplify the PC further and it now reads "Check pigs are safely and securely housed or enclosed at destination".

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: NSW

Stakeholder Comments:

Performance Evidence feedback-

Replace second paragraph and dot points with-

'There must be evidence that the individual has safely, efficiently and calmly moved pigs from one location to another on 4 separate occasions. The individual must demonstrate their ability to move at least 1 individual pig and at least 1 group (including at least 2 pigs) across these 4 separate occasions. Selected pigs handled and moved must include at least 2 types from the following categories:

- gilt/s
- sow/s (farrowed, gestating, oestrus)
- boar/s
- weaner/s
- grower finisher/s'

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Noted

Thank you for the feedback.

The SMEWG considered the suggested changes and advised not change the PE, because it has been designed to collect valid and sufficient evidence to enable an assessor to make a judgement on a person's competency in this unit. The PE also has sufficient flexibility to suit a variety of pork production sites.

The SMEWG also advised that the various pig categories suggested in the feedback be included the AHC Companion Volume Implementation Guide (CVIG) as suggestions when undertaking the PE in this unit. The CVIG will be made available on VETNet when the units are released on Training.gov.au

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: NSW

Stakeholder Comments:

Performance Evidence

Second paragraph, dot point 2, in reference to the word 'controlled'-

Evidence should be over a several occasions????

If there was no actual hazards exist the wording must be such that asked them to provide potential risks

For each pig movement, the individual must have been able to:

identify at least two hazards, and assessed and controlled and/or reported associated risks....

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Noted

Thank you for the feedback.

The SMEWG considered the suggested changes and advised not change the PE, because it has been designed to collect valid and sufficient evidence to enable an assessor to make a judgement on a person's competency in this unit. The PE also has sufficient flexibility to suit a variety of pork production sites.

The SMEWG also advised that identifying two health and safety hazards and their associated risks related to pig handling and moving should not be an issue as the PE must be undertaken with live pigs. To assist users of this unit, advice will be included in the AHC Companion Volume Implementation Guide on typical health and safety hazards and associated risks related to pig handling and moving.

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: NSW

Stakeholder Comments:

Knowledge Evidence, dot point 6, why are we including this here?

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Noted

Thank you for the feedback.

The SMEWG advised that knowledge of zoonoses is required to help minimise the spread of pathogens in order to protect workers and pigs - dot point 6 to remain.

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: TAS, VIC

Stakeholder Comments:

In regards to biosecurity, Add advice in the CVIG - National farm manual for biosecurity for pig production

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for the feedback.

Advice will be included in the AHC Companion Volume Implementation Guide that refers users of the revised Pork Sector units to the National Farm Biosecurity Manual for Pork Production (October 2021).

Organisation Type: Employer, Peak Industry Body, Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: QLD

Stakeholder Comments:

Don't forget to update the passages relating to 'moving sows safely'

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for the feedback.

The SMEWG supported to change to PC 2.2 to add "as required" (recognising that some sows and gilts may not be moved prior to farrowing) and the PC now reads - "Move and acclimatise sows and gilts to new environment as required, using safe manual handling techniques and low stress animal handling techniques".

This unit's PE and KE has been checked - both reference "safe and low stress animal handling techniques when handling sows and piglets" which provide further clarity for the outcomes of PC 2.2

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: NSW

Stakeholder Comments:

PC 3.5- reword to say 'Select and prepare resources or equipment required to assist sows when farrowing.' Resources or equipment would include: lube, examination gloves, medication and administering equipment, possibly stock board. There is limited tools used

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for the feedback.

The SMEWG adopted the suggestion and tools have been removed from the PCs and PE.

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: NSW

Stakeholder Comments:

PC 4.2 reword to read '4.2 Identify signs of ill health or issues with the farrowed sow, seek advise or take appropriate action by referring to Farm treatment plans'

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Noted

Thank you for the feedback.

The SMEWG advised to retain the wording of the PC as is (i.e. "Identify signs of ill health and/or discomfort in sows and piglets, and take appropriate action according to Farm Treatment Plan and welfare requirements), because it covers both sows and piglets and includes animal welfare requirements. The use of the term 'issues' is far too open to interpretation of the facilitator and student alike.

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: NSW

Stakeholder Comments:

Reword to read '4.3 Carry out fostering activities as per enterprise procedures to ensure optimum welfare of sow and piglets '

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Noted

Thank you for the feedback.

The SMEWG considered changing the PC to reflect use of the term 'optimum' but decided to retain the current wording - "Foster piglets according to sow capacity and enterprise procedures" because 'capacity is the more commonly used terminology, and enterprise procedures also include animal welfare requirements.

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: NSW

Stakeholder Comments:

PE Dot point 3- biosecurity is infection control

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for the feedback.

The SMEWG advised that in some instances infection control requirements may be different to biosecurity requirements, but agreed to the removal of infection control as suggested in the PE, as biosecurity should cover the spread of pathogens.

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: NSW

Stakeholder Comments:

PE dot point 4, reword to say 'Select and check resources and equipment for each task'

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for the feedback.

The SMEWG has adopted the suggestion and the PE bullet now states - "selected and checked equipment and resources required for each task"

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: NSW

Stakeholder Comments:

KE Dot point, reword to say 'Pest and predators and the impact on the farrowing sows and their litters'

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for the feedback.

The SMEWG had adopted the suggestion and the KE bullet now states - "pests and predators and their impact on farrowing sows and their piglets"

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: NSW

Stakeholder Comments:

KE dot point 16- does this mean ringworms?

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for the feedback.

After considering this feedback and other feedback on zoonoses from this stakeholder, the SMEWG advised to remove the reference to 'ringworm' (a fungal disease) and replace it with 'worms' to cover several zoonotic diseases caused by worms, including round worm.

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: TAS, VIC

Stakeholder Comments:

Add 'As required' to PC 2.2

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for the feedback.

The SMEWG supported a change to PC 2.2 to add "as required" (recognising that some sows and gilts may not be moved prior to farrowing) and the PC now reads - "Move and acclimatise sows and gilts to new environment as required, using safe manual handling techniques and low stress animal handling techniques".

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: TAS, VIC

Stakeholder Comments:

KE dot point 1, replace 'awareness' with 'key features'

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for the feedback.

The SMEWG supported a change to replace 'awareness' with 'key features' at the beginning of the first bullet point related to state/territory legislation, regulations and codes of practice.

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: TAS, VIC

Stakeholder Comments:

Add in new PE dot point 10.2- • removed and/or disposed of a dead or non-viable pig according to enterprise biosecurity and environmental procedures

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Noted

Thank you for the feedback.

The SME advised that the outcome is already covered by the existing statement at the bottom of the PE - "In addition to the above, the individual must have removed and/or disposed of a dead or non-viable pig according to enterprise biosecurity and environmental procedures."

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: TAS, VIC

Stakeholder Comments:

KE Dot point 1, replace 'awareness' with 'key features'

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for the feedback.

The SMEWG supported a change to replace 'awareness' with 'key features' at the beginning of the first bullet point related to state/territory legislation, regulations and codes of practice.

Organisation Type: Employer

Coverage: QLD

Stakeholder Comments:

The unit for rectal prolapse should be retained as Sunpork expects to see a rise in enrolments over the next few years, and with the JE outbreak the pork sector requires all of its health related training.

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for the supporting the retention of this revised unit.

Thank you also for explaining why the Pork Production industry requires the outcomes covered by the unit, especially in the context of the current Japanese encephalitis outbreak. The unit has been retained.

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: NSW

Stakeholder Comments:

I don't know anyone who does this unit, so I don't think it is needed. Pigs with rectal prolapse are euthanased as very, very difficult to fix these pigs.

Additional Stakeholder Support: Employer - NSW x 1, Peak Industry Body - NSW x 1, Employer - VIC x 1, Peak Industry Body - VIC x 1

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Noted

Thank you for the feedback.

The SMEWG acknowledge that in many instances, pigs with a rectal prolapse are euthanased, but the SMEWG supports the retention of this unit, as some prolapses and strictures can be treated and managed, especially if identified earlier rather than later.

Industry stakeholders have also advised the unit also contains important pig health and welfare knowledge and skill outcomes that a worker can use to help reduce the incidence of rectal prolapses and strictures.

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: TAS, VIC

Stakeholder Comments:

KE Dot point 1, replace 'awareness' with 'key features'

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for the feedback.

The SMEWG supported a change to replace 'awareness' with 'key features' at the beginning of the first bullet point related to state/territory legislation, regulations and codes of practice.

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: TAS, VIC

Stakeholder Comments:

Delete PC 2.5, PE dot point 7 and KE dot point 12

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for the feedback.

The SMEWG supported the suggestion to remove "Collection and preparation of feed samples for testing" from the unit, PE and KE.

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Mandatory Workplace Requirements

Title

Organisation Type: Peak Industry Body

Coverage: VIC

Stakeholder Comments:

The proposed animal ethics sentence in the application should be deleted. The legislation it refers to is for scientific testing purposes only and does not apply to livestock on a farm. Victoria is wrong in its interpretation of this legislation.

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for the feedback.

The proposed animal ethics codes sentence that was proposed for inclusion in the Application of the revised Pork and Poultry units has been removed.

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: TAS, VIC

Stakeholder Comments:

All the Mandatory Work Requirements information is ok for the pork sector.

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Noted

Thank you for the feedback supporting Mandatory Workplace Requirements for the assessment of the Pork sector units.

Organisation Type: Employer, Peak Industry Body, Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: WA

Stakeholder Comments:

After participating in the webinar on the 26/5/2022 I accept the Mandatory Work Requirement changes that have been proposed, and have endorsed the units for validation.

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Noted

Thank you for the feedback supporting Pork sector units and the Mandatory Workplace Requirements for the assessment of these units.

Organisation Type: Registered Training Organisation

Coverage: TAS, VIC

Stakeholder Comments:

Can we call Egg Graders technicians as well? Wherever it appears in the qualification, units and skill sets.

Consideration and Proposed Resolution: Adopted

Thank you for the feedback.

As suggested Egg grader has been changed to Egg grading technician in the qualification and the new skill set.