Modification history

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| Release | Comments |
| Release 1 | This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 8.0. |

| AHCPLY2X3 | Set up shed for placement of point of lays or day-old poultry |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to set up shed for placement of point of lays or day-old poultry.  This unit applies to workers in commercial poultry production who undertake routine tasks under supervision. They perform defined activities according to enterprise procedures. Work environments may include poultry farms and breeding facilities.  Commonwealth and/or state/territory health and safety, animal welfare, environmental protection and biosecurity legislation, regulations and codes of practice apply to keeping and working with poultry. Requirements vary between jurisdictions.  No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication. |
| Prerequisite Unit | Nil |
| Unit Sector | Poultry (PLY) |

| Elements | Performance Criteria |
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| Elements describe the essential outcomes. | Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. |
| 1. Prepare to work in poultry shed | 1.1 Confirm and follow personal hygiene and other biosecurity procedures which apply to working on a poultry farm or facility  1.2 Confirm activities to be undertaken from work program and/or supervisor  1.3 Confirm age, quantity and housing requirements of poultry being transferred to shed  1.4 Identify hazards, assess risks and control and/or report risks  1.5 Select and fit appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) required for tasks |
| 2. Check and maintain shed and equipment | 2.1 Apply biosecurity procedures to minimise entry of pathogens into poultry shed via own activities and equipment being introduced in shed  2.2 Check shed and work surfaces are clean and sanitised  2.3 Check tools and equipment are operational, clean and sanitised  2.4 Check pest, vermin and/or predator controls are in place, and adjust as required  2.5 Check lights, time switches and other shed equipment are operational |
| 3. Prepare shed | 3.1 Place and/or replace litter/paper ensuring it is clean and dry  3.2 Setup feeders, drinkers, heaters and other equipment in shed according to incoming poultry requirements  3.3 Ensure that bird barriers are in place and operating if required  3.4 Install brooder curtains if required  3.5 Check and adjust watering, feeding, ventilation and temperature control systems  3.6 Check and adjust lighting equipment and programs according to poultry age  3.7 Test alarm systems and time switches  3.8 Install additional drinkers and feeders or lay paper and spread feed on it as required  3.9 Operate temperature and ventilation control equipment to achieve required conditions prior to poultry placement |
| 4. Place poultry | 4.1 Check shed and litter are at required temperatures  4.2 Carry poultry containers safely and gently remove poultry from crates or boxes and place into appropriate housing  4.4 Check poultry behaviour and health regularly after placement according to enterprise animal welfare policies  4.4 Check that feed, water and shed conditions meet poultry needs  4.5 Complete records accurately and report issues promptly |
| 5. Undertake cleaning and reporting | 5.1 Identify hazards, assess risks and control and/or report risks prior to commencing tasks  5.2 Select and fit appropriate PPE required for the tasks  5.3 Measure chemicals and prepare cleaning fluids safely according to supplier instructions and enterprise procedures  5.4 Check and prepare cleaning equipment  5.5 Clean and sanitise containers and equipment as required  5.6 Dispose of waste according to enterprise procedures  5.7 Complete records accurately and report issues promptly |

| Foundation Skills  This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria. | |
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| Skill | Description |
| Reading | * Interpret key information from enterprise biosecurity procedures, and equipment cleaning and operation instructions |
| Writing | * Use industry terminology to record information about poultry |
| Numeracy | * Measure and calculate quantity, time, weight, temperature, volume and ratio |
| Oral communication | * Use active listening and questioning techniques to clarify and confirm supervisor instructions |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| AHCPLY2X3 Set up shed for placement of point of lays or day-old poultry | AHCPLY203 Set up shed for placement of day-old chickens | Title changed to include point of lay poultry  Application updated  Performance criteria added, removed or revised for clarity  Foundation Skills added  Performance Evidence, Knowledge Evidence and Assessment Conditions updated | Not equivalent |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for AHCPLY2X3 Set up shed for placement of point of lays or day-old poultry |
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| Performance Evidence | |
| 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 efficiently prepared a shed to receive and acclimatise at least two groups of poultry. The groups can be point of lay or day-old poultry or both.  Each group must include at least 20 birds, and the individual must have, according to enterprise requirements:   * confirmed and applied enterprise health and safety, animal welfare, infection control, biosecurity and environmental protection procedures related to setting up a poultry shed and handling day old poultry * confirmed age and quantity of poultry to be housed and their specific requirements * followed personal hygiene requirements * identified at least two hazards, and assessed and controlled and/or reported associated risks * selected, checked and correctly fitted appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) * checked, cleaned and sanitised shed and related work surfaces * checked shed tools and equipment are operational, clean and sanitised * checked for pests, vermin and/or predators and implemented controls if required * prepared shed specifically to meet health and welfare needs of incoming batch of poultry, including: * spread litter or placed paper and/or checked cages * set up, tested and adjusted feeders and drinkers prior and after arrival of poultry * set up and adjusted lighting, temperature and ventilation equipment prior and after arrival of poultry * used safe, gentle and low stress handling techniques to move poultry and place them in housing environment * checked poultry behaviour and health to ensure successful transition to new housing * safely cleaned and sanitised shed, working surfaces, equipment and tools * accurately completed records and/or reports. | |

| Knowledge Evidence |
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| An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:   * key features of state/territory legislation, regulations and codes of practice for worker health and safety, animal welfare, biosecurity, and environment protection that apply to caring for poultry * enterprise procedures and requirements for worker health and safety, animal welfare, biosecurity, and environment protection that apply to caring for poultry * hazard identification, risk assessment and controls to minimise risks when setting up sheds for and moving poultry * types, uses, cleaning and maintenance of suitable equipment, tools, machinery and personal protective equipment used to prepare sheds for poultry * types, characteristics, cleaning and maintenance of poultry sheds * commonly used methods of pest, vermin and predator control in sheds used for poultry * types, characteristics and maintenance of bird wires and rodent barriers * key features and operational checks of lighting systems, time switches, alarm systems, brooders, watering systems, feeding systems, ventilation systems and fogging systems used in poultry sheds * safe and low stress techniques for handling poultry, including day old poultry * health and welfare requirements of point of lay and day old poultry * behavioural signs of health and methods for assessing health and welfare in point of lay and day old poultry * types, characteristics, uses and maintenance of litter and other bedding materials used for poultry * enterprise requirements, methods and procedures for removing and disposing of waste * regulatory and enterprise documentation, records and reports required for poultry health care. |

| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions: * a commercial poultry site or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions * resources, equipment and materials: * live point of lay and day old poultry specified in performance evidence * poultry production shed, materials, resources, tools and equipment, including PPE specified in the performance evidence * specifications: * enterprise procedures for poultry care, health and welfare, worker health and safety, and biosecurity for the activities specified in the performance evidence.   Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards. |

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