Modification history

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| Release | Comments |
| Release 1 | This version released with Australian Meat Processing Training Package Version 8.0. |

| AMPLSK3X2 | Assess cattle according to industry standards |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to assess and describe cattle utilising industry standards.  The unit applies to workers in the livestock industry who prepare or utilise assessments of cattle as part of their duties as market reporters, or as livestock vendors, livestock buyers or lairage managers at a meat processing premises. It includes using AUS-MEAT standards and Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) guidelines and applying them consistently when assessing and describing cattle.  All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, in accordance with state/territory health and safety, animal welfare regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the work.  No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication. |
| Prerequisite Unit | Nil |
| Unit Sector | Livestock (LSK) |

| 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. Move in and around cattle handling facilities safely | 1.1 Identify workplace health and safety risks that exist when working in and around cattle  1.2 Select, fit and wear appropriate personal protective clothing and equipment  1.3 Move safely around cattle, using designated walkways and viewing platforms if available |
| 2. Assess stock | 2.1 Identify cattle breeds, sex and age  2.2 Identify common diseases and conditions seen in cattle at ante mortem  2.3 Describe cattle according to MLA breed classifications​  2.4 Visually assess and describe cattle according to AUS-MEAT standard descriptions for sex, dentition and age  2.5 Visually assess cattle in terms of live weight and dressed weight using estimated dressing percentages  2.6 Estimate cattle fat score using accepted fat score tables  2.7 Estimate cattle muscle score using accepted indicators  2.8 Prepare estimates of skin values for a specific lot of cattle |
| 3. Complete reports | 3.1 Prepare a record of livestock assessment  3.2 Describe cattle according to the MLA stock classifications  3.3 Utilise AUS-MEAT and MLA standards, prefixes and terminology to workplace accuracy requirements |

| 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 operating manuals for cattle and carcase assessment |
| Writing | * Complete digital and/or paper based livestock assessment reports * Use electronic media as appropriate to the task |
| Oral communication | * Interact effectively with saleyard or abattoir personnel * Clarify information when required |
| Numeracy | * Estimate weights of cattle (kg) * Estimate dressing percentages (%) * Use standard formulae to determine carcase weight * Identify muscle and fat scores (including mm) |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| AMPLSK3X2 Assess cattle according to industry standards | AMPA3139 Prepare market reports - cattle | Unit code and title updated  Revised Performance Criteria, Foundation Skills, Knowledge Evidence, Performance Evidence and Assessment Conditions | Not equivalent |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for AMPLSK3X2 Assess cattle according to industry standards |
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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 assessed at least five pens of cattle on two different occasions at an abattoir, property or saleyard, using AUS-MEAT industry standards and regulations and Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) guidelines, including:   * worked safely around cattle * handled cattle in accordance with animal welfare regulations and requirements * prepared a livestock assessment report using appropriate industry terms. | |

| 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:   * the Australian cattle industry, including, the distribution of cattle throughout Australia, key markets and stakeholders * purpose of livestock assessment * purpose of having a standardised livestock assessment language * the cattle assessment process * role of AUS-MEAT and MLA * MLA guidelines * AUS-MEAT industry standards and regulations * AUS-MEAT sales prefixes​ and breed classifications * methods of determining age * cattle classification or scoring system including sales prefixes * cattle fat and muscle scores * abnormalities that may affect price and potentially affect carcase value * workplace health and safety hazards involved in working in and around cattle and handling facilities * safe work practices for working in and around cattle * definition and importance of animal welfare for cattle in the supply chain. |

| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions: * skills must be demonstrated in an operating property, saleyard or abattoir * resources, equipment and materials: * cattle to be assessed * personal protective clothing and equipment * specifications: * AUS-MEAT industry standards and regulations * MLA guidelines * formats/templates for reporting * timeframes: * within typical operating conditions for the workplace.   Assessment for this unit must include at least three forms of evidence.  Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards. Assessors can utilise e-technology to support assessments. |

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