

3145 Ensure the health and welfare of livestock in livestock markets

SQA Unit Code

H3H4 04

Level 2

SCQF Level 5

Credit value 4

Unit Summary

This unit is about ensuring the health and welfare of livestock. You will need to deal with the livestock according to relevant legislation, observe the physical condition and behaviour of the livestock, report any concerns and take appropriate action to promote health and welfare. You must also be able to seek assistance for any livestock emergency and initiate the appropriate action.

While relevant legislation may be translated for you through organisational policy, you are expected to understand that there is legislation that relates to the health and welfare of livestock.

This unit is for you if you work in a livestock market.

In order to be assessed as competent you must demonstrate to your assessor that you can consistently perform to the requirements set out below. Your performance evidence must include at least one observation by your assessor.

You must be able to:	You need to show:
<p>1. Ensure the health and welfare of livestock.</p> <p>This means you:</p> <p>Handle the livestock in a way which is consistent with relevant legislation, minimises any likelihood of stress and injury, and optimises their health and welfare</p> <p>Observe the livestock's physical condition i.e. appearance, posture, movement and behaviour at the necessary frequencies and report any problems to the appropriate person or people</p> <p>Take appropriate action to promote livestock's health and welfare at a suitable time for the livestock concerned</p>	<p>Evidence must be work-based, simulation alone is only allowed where shown in <i>bold italics</i></p> <p>Evidence of ensuring the health and welfare of livestock as part of your role in accordance with workplace procedures and within the limits of your own responsibilities.</p>

Observe the livestock after taking action and report any unusual signs immediately
seek assistance immediately for any livestock health emergency and initiate action appropriate to the situation

Use safe working methods and practices consistent with relevant legislation and codes of practice

You need to know and understand:

Evidence of knowledge and understanding should be collected during observation of performance in the workplace. Where it cannot be collected by observing performance, other assessment methods should be used.

1. the health and welfare requirements of livestock
2. how to promote the health and welfare of livestock and minimise stress and injury
3. organisational policy in relation to the treatment of livestock and your responsibility under relevant animal welfare legislation including the penning arrangements for different types of livestock
4. signs of health, stress and potential problems in different species of livestock in relation to appearance, posture, movement and behaviour, and what to do if any problems are observed
5. the different causes that can affect the livestock's behaviour

Evidence of performance may employ examples of the following assessment:

- observation
- written and oral questioning;
- evidence from company systems (e.g. Food Safety Management System)
- reviewing the outcomes of work
- checking any records of documents completed
- checking accounts of work that the candidate or others have written