

Protect equine welfare in shackling and hoisting operations	
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<p>Unit summary This unit supports workforce development for those whose role includes responsibilities for the protection of equine welfare in shackling and hoisting operations.</p> <p>The unit is designed for use by operatives and others who carry out these workplace activities. The aim of the unit is to determine competent performance to recognised National Occupational Standards. This unit meets the requirements of EU regulation 1099/2009 for the protection of animals at time of killing.</p>	
<p>Assessment requirements /guidance This unit is designed to assess the skills and knowledge of learners in the workplace for roles including responsibilities for the protection of equine welfare in shackling and hoisting operations.</p> <p>The learner must be able to demonstrate their competent performance consistently over a period of time, to meet all of the assessment criteria. This will be achieved by at least two observations of competent performance in the workplace, and may be supported by witness testimony and other workplace evidence. Observations (of at least one species of equine) must ensure that the learner's working practice is at commercial speed and in compliance with standard operating procedures. Assessment methods appropriate to the learner must be used to assess knowledge and understanding – either on or off the job.</p> <p>The Improve Assessment Strategy for Qualifications in Food and Drink, Scotland sets out the overarching assessment requirements.</p>	
<p>Relationship between the unit and relevant national occupational standards, and other qualifications This unit relates directly to Improve National Occupational Standards; MP.120S Control a carcass shackling system MP.121K Understand how to control a carcass shackling system</p> <p>It is also used in the QCF Awards and Certificates for Protecting Animal Welfare at the Time of Killing: QCF Level 2, QCF Credit 1, Guided Learning Hours 6.</p>	

Learning Outcomes The learner will:	Assessment Criteria The learner can:
1. Prepare to shackle and hoist livestock in accordance with Food Business Operator's (FBO's) procedures	1.1 Check that shackling and hoisting equipment are available and safe for operation 1.2 Check the condition of livestock for shackling and hoisting 1.3 Take action to deal with any livestock which are not fit for shackling and hoisting 1.4 Check that the shackling and hoisting area and personnel are available and ready for receiving livestock. 1.5 Follow FBO's procedures.
2. Shackle and hoist livestock in accordance with FBO's procedures	2.1 Shackle and hoist livestock in ways which minimises avoidable pain, suffering or distress 2.2 Take action to deal with livestock showing any welfare concern. 2.3 Follow FBO's procedures.
3. Understand how to protect livestock welfare in accordance with FBO's procedures	3.1 State own responsibilities under animal welfare regulations for shackling and hoisting of livestock 3.2 State the behavioural characteristics of livestock in shackling and hoisting operations 3.3 State why it is important to minimise avoidable pain, suffering and stress in shackling and hoisting operations 3.4 State why it is important to identify livestock that are not fit to shackle and hoist 3.5 Outline the manufacturer's instructions for operating shackling and hoisting equipment 3.6 Outline the FBO's procedures for shackling and hoisting of livestock.