

2144 Receive and pen livestock in livestock markets

SQA Unit Code

H3DC 04

Level 2

SCQF Level 5

Credit value 4

Unit Summary

This unit is about making ready to receive livestock, accepting the livestock into the market and penning the livestock. You will need to show that you can follow animal welfare procedures and understand how to deal with the animal welfare problems. You will also need to prove that you deal correctly with the documents recording the delivery

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. Prepare to receive livestock</p> <p>This means you:</p> <p>Make sure that the delivery vehicle is in the correct position and it is safe to unload</p> <p>Arrange for appropriate space in which to pen the livestock and check the pen is in the correct position</p> <p>Make sure the route from the vehicle to the pen is clear</p> <p>Check that all ramps, rails and handling equipment are safe and secure to unload livestock report any problems to the appropriate person or people</p>	<p>Evidence must be work-based, simulation alone is only allowed where shown in <i>bold italics</i></p> <p>Evidence of preparing to receive livestock as part of your role in accordance with workplace procedures and within the limits of your own responsibilities.</p>
<p>2. Accept livestock</p> <p>This means you:</p> <p>Check the condition of the livestock and whether they are suitable to be accepted</p> <p>Receive documentation from the delivery driver</p>	<p>Evidence of accepting livestock as part of your role in accordance with workplace procedures and within the limits of your own responsibilities.</p>

<p>and carry out appropriate checks in accordance with organisational requirements</p> <p>Identify and report any discrepancies to the relevant person or people</p> <p>Report any livestock to be unacceptable to the animal welfare officer and any other relevant personnel</p> <p>Follow instructions to deal with any unacceptable livestock</p> <p>Move livestock to the holding area in a safe and responsible manner in accordance with the recommended codes of practice</p>	
<p>3. Pen livestock</p> <p>This means you:</p> <p>Maintain the health and welfare of the livestock throughout operations</p> <p>Ensure the pens are suitable and ready for reception of the livestock</p> <p>Introduce the livestock into the pens in a way that minimises stress and maintains their health and welfare</p> <p>Ensure all the livestock are correctly located in the pens in the correct numbers handle and move the livestock correctly and safely</p> <p>Monitor the livestock carefully to ensure their ongoing health and welfare and deal appropriately with anything of concern</p> <p>Deal with any difficulties within the limits of your authority, and promptly report those that you cannot deal with to the appropriate person or people</p> <p>Use safe working methods and practices consistent with relevant legislation and codes of practice</p>	<p>Evidence of penning livestock as part of your role in accordance with workplace procedures and within the limits of your own responsibilities.</p>

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. your responsibilities under animal health and welfare regulations and legislation
2. your responsibilities under health and safety regulations and legislation
3. why fallen, diseased, fractious or injured livestock must be identified
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. how to maintain the health and welfare of livestock and how to minimise the chances of stress or injury
6. how to check and make ready for accepting livestock and the importance of preparations
7. appropriate types of holding facilities for different livestock
8. organisational procedures for accepting livestock into the market
9. documentation and reporting procedures
10. reasons for checking and keeping records and the importance of accuracy
11. penning which is suitable for the livestock with which you are working
12. the different factors which need to be taken into account when preparing pens for livestock
13. environmental conditions which livestock need within the pens to maintain their health and welfare
14. the potential hazards to livestock and people which may occur in pens and how these can be minimised
15. methods of handling livestock safely
16. methods of introducing livestock into the pens in a way which minimises their stress
17. normal and abnormal behaviour of the livestock once introduced into the pens
18. limits of your authority in dealing with difficulties and concerns

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