

2147 Maintain the lairage of livestock in livestock markets

Level 2

SCQF Level 5

Credit value 4

Unit Summary

This unit sets the standard for caring for and providing feed and water to livestock.

It covers preparing feed and water for livestock. This involves preparing and storing feed and checking water supplies are in a suitable condition. It also involves checking that feeding and watering equipment is working correctly. The unit also covers monitoring and maintaining the supply of feed and water to livestock. The monitoring aspect of this element involves checking the ongoing supply of feed and water and caring for the livestock pre and post auction. Whilst the livestock may only be on the premises for a short time (often 8-12 hours) their health and welfare is critically important at all times.

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: Evidence must be work-based, simulation alone is only allowed where shown in <i>bold italics</i>
<p>1. Prepare feed and water supplies for livestock</p> <p>This means you:</p> <p>Select the right type, quantity and quality of feed in accordance with instructions</p> <p>Prepare feed correctly and maintain adequate stocks in hygienic conditions</p> <p>Check feed and water supplies at the correct times and confirm they are fresh and clean</p> <p>Ensure feed and water equipment is safe and ready for use</p> <p>Use safe working methods and practices consistent with relevant legislation and codes of practice</p> <p>Record relevant information in accordance with organisational requirements</p>	<p>Evidence of preparing feed and water supplies for livestock as part of your role in accordance with workplace procedures and within the limits of your own responsibilities.</p>
<p>2. Monitor and maintain the supply of feed</p>	<p>Evidence of monitoring and maintaining the supply of feed and</p>

<p>and water to livestock</p> <p>This means you:</p> <p>Supply feed to the livestock via the specified method</p> <p>Supply clean, fresh water to the livestock according to their needs</p> <p>Report concerns in relation to the feeding and drinking habits of the livestock immediately</p> <p>Monitor the condition of feed and water correctly, and where there are problems either resolve the problem, or report it to the appropriate person or people</p> <p>Maintain the health and welfare of the livestock throughout</p> <p>Clean and maintain equipment in a condition fit for use</p> <p>Use safe working methods and practices consistent with relevant legislation and codes of practice</p> <p>Remove organic and inorganic waste from the lairage safely and correctly</p> <p>Record relevant information in accordance with organisational requirements</p>	<p>water to livestock as part of your role in accordance with workplace procedures and within the limits of your own responsibilities.</p>
<p>3. Care for livestock</p> <p>This means you:</p> <p>Pen livestock in numbers that do not cause stress or welfare problems</p> <p>Monitor the safety, security and welfare of livestock, identify problems and follow organisational procedures to deal with problems</p> <p>Monitor the condition and behaviour of livestock, identify problems and follow organisational procedures to deal with problems</p> <p>Check and maintain adequate bedding, ventilation and light for the livestock</p>	<p>Evidence of caring for 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. the type, quantity and quality of feed required for relevant categories of livestock
2. correct methods for obtaining feed and maintaining adequate stocks
3. the quality and quantity of drinking water required by the relevant categories of livestock
4. the reasons for checking the condition of feed and water
5. the correct methods and procedures for providing feed and water to livestock
6. the importance of ensuring all livestock have access to feed and water
7. normal feeding and drinking behaviour of the livestock and potential reasons for changes in consumption
8. to whom problems should be reported
9. the types of problems which may occur during feeding and watering
10. the limits of your responsibility in relation to feeding and watering the livestock, and resolving any problems
11. why it is important to monitor the livestock's response to handling, signs of negative responses, why and to whom these should be reported
12. the potential consequences of not reporting changes in the livestock's behaviour, its reaction to handling or factors that affect its behaviour
13. methods of maintaining the health and welfare of the livestock
14. methods of cleaning and maintaining feeding and watering equipment in a fit
15. the importance of checking that feeding and watering equipment cannot injure the livestock
16. correct storage and use of equipment
17. correct methods for removal of organic and inorganic waste
18. your responsibilities under health and safety regulations and legislation
19. reasons for recording information, keeping records and the importance of accuracy
20. organisational procedures for monitoring the safety and security of livestock
21. how to recognise stress and welfare problems in livestock
22. how to identify livestock that need restraint, separation or isolation
23. how to isolate livestock and when isolation is necessary

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