

Protect chicken welfare in manual bleeding operations	
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<p>Unit summary This unit supports workforce development for those whose role includes responsibilities for the protection of chicken welfare in manual bleeding operations.</p> <p>The unit is designed for use by operatives and others who monitor and handle birds on a slaughter line or individually after the bird has been cut for bleeding. 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 chicken welfare in manual bleeding 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 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 generate evidence of knowledge and understanding – which can be assessed 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 of assessment relates directly to Improve National Occupational Standards; MP.110S Carry out manual bleeding operations MP.111K Understand how to carry out manual bleeding operations</p> <p>It is also used in the QCF Awards and Certificates for Protecting Animal Welfare at Time of Killing: QCF Level 2, QCF Credit 2, Guided Learning Hours 13.</p>	

Learning Outcomes The learner will:	Assessment Criteria The learner can:
1. Handle and monitor manual bleeding operations in accordance with Food Business Operator's (FBO's) procedures	1.1 Monitor the bleeding of birds to ensure they are unconscious 1.2 Handle birds in a manner which minimises stress, avoidable pain and suffering 1.3 Check birds for signs of unconsciousness and control restraint as required 1.4 Take action to deal with birds that are not unconscious before further processing 1.5 Follow FBO's procedures.
2. Understand how to protect bird welfare in manual bleeding operations in accordance with FBO's procedures	2.1 State own responsibilities under animal welfare regulations for the bleeding of birds 2.2 State the behavioural characteristics of birds in bleeding operations 2.3 Outline why it is important to minimise avoidable pain, suffering and distress 2.4 State how to recognise signs of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consciousness • an effective neck cut • effective killing 2.5 State why bleeding should produce a rapid loss of blood and what should be done if this does not happen 2.6 Describe how to carry out a back-up killing method and the circumstances in which this would be necessary 2.7 Outline the manufacturer's instructions for using any restraint equipment 2.8 Outline the FBO's procedures for handling birds during manual bleeding.