

# LANCS65 SQA Unit Code H59S 04

## Load and unload animals for transport

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### Overview

This standard covers loading and unloading animals for transportation. It also covers establishing them in the transport or new environment. To achieve this standard, you need suitable skills for handling animals, and be able to put the knowledge and understanding of animal welfare into practice.

When working with livestock or machinery you need to be appropriately trained in line with current legislation, and hold a relevant award where appropriate.

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### Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 identify the animals to be transported and prepare them for travel in an appropriate manner
  - P2 ensure the transportation is suitable
  - P3 load the animals using an appropriate method and in a manner which minimises their stress and risk of injury
  - P4 establish the animals within the transportation environment and make them safe and secure for the journey
  - P5 contain the animals in a manner which optimises their welfare and is consistent with relevant legislation and codes of practice
  - P6 use working methods and systems that promote health and safety and are consistent with relevant legislation and codes of practice.
  - P7 prepare the new environment to allow for the safe receipt of the animals
  - P8 unload the animals using appropriate methods and in a manner that minimises their stress and risk of injury
  - P9 safely establish the animals in their new environment
  - P10 monitor and maintain the health and well-being of the animals throughout
  - P11 take appropriate action without delay where there are any concerns over the animals; health and well-being
  - P12 keep accurate, legible and complete transportation records
  - P13 carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental, health and safety legislation and animal health and welfare legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and company policies

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 how to identify the animals for transport
- K2 fitness of animals to be transported and an awareness of conditions which excludes them from transportation
- K3 how the animals concerned need to be prepared for travel
- K4 the appropriate feed levels for animals
- K5 the protective measures for animals
- K6 how transportation needs to be prepared for the animals in relation to their safety and security and the likely risks
- K7 the factors that affect animal stress and how these can be minimised
- K8 the appropriate methods of loading the animals which minimises their stress
- K9 how to establish and secure animals in the transportation environment
- K10 the legal requirements in relation to density and number of animals in transport
- K11 your responsibilities under animal welfare, the transport of animals and health and safety legislation
- K12 how to optimise the health and well-being of animals ready for transportation
- K13 the requirements of particular animals in relation to preparation of an environment to allow their safe receipt
- K14 who is to receive the animals and any information that they require
- K15 the safe methods of unloading particular animals
- K16 the different methods of establishing animals in new environments
- K17 the indicators of potential problems with health and well-being and how this is manifested in animals through behaviour and health
- K18 how to assess critical causes for concern and determine the appropriate action in each case
- K19 the necessary documentation and the information necessary to complete it
- K20 your responsibilities under current environmental and health and safety legislation, animal welfare legislation, the transport of animals and health and safety legislation

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### Glossary

Preparing the transportation in terms of, cleanliness, health and safety, security, travel requirements of animals, environmental conditions

Preparing the new environment in the following ways, removal of hazards, establishing living conditions and facilities, information passed to the relevant people.

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