



Australian Government

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Modification History

Release	Comments
1	This unit of competency was first released in TLI Transport and Logistics Training Package Release 17.0.

Application

This unit involves the skills and knowledge required to prepare and care for livestock during loading, in transit, and unloading, in accordance with relevant regulations, animal welfare standards and workplace procedures.

It includes preparing to transport livestock, caring for and controlling livestock in transit, using appropriate animal husbandry techniques, compliance with animal welfare and biosecurity requirements, and completing relevant documentation as required.

Work is performed under limited or minimum supervision generally within a team. Work occurs in a range of contexts including remote locations where infrastructure may be limited.

The TLI Transport and Logistics Training Package Companion Volume Implementation Guide provides guidance on implementation of this unit in the variety of contexts and locations work occurs.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite unit(s)

Not applicable.

Competency field(s)

D - Load Handling

Unit sector(s)

Transport and Logistics

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements	Performance criteria
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Elements describe the essential outcomes.		Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.	
1	Prepare to transport livestock	1.1	Determine legislative, regulatory, industry and workplace animal welfare requirements
		1.2	Obtain the site biosecurity plan where applicable, and comply with the plan under direction of the site supervisor
		1.3	Plan trip considering route, road conditions, trailer configuration, type of stock being carried, penning characteristics, any feed and water requirements and anticipated weather conditions
		1.4	Assess stockyards to ensure they are fit for purpose in accordance with regulatory requirements and workplace procedures
		1.5	Inspect livestock crate cleanliness and drainage system, identify any hazards, and rectify/report any issues in accordance with regulatory requirements and workplace procedures
		1.6	Identify animal welfare non-compliance issues and report and/or take corrective action in accordance with direction from supervisor and/or workplace procedures
2	Load and unload livestock	2.1	Identify, select, yard/secure correct animals using good stock handling techniques in accordance with regulatory requirements, load documentation and workplace procedures
		2.2	Prepare animals for transport, identify livestock that should not be loaded and report in accordance with animal welfare standards and workplace procedures
		2.3	Use appropriate handling equipment during loading and unloading operations in accordance with regulations and workplace procedures
		2.4	Check ramp and vehicle are correctly aligned, and identify and control hazards in accordance with workplace procedures
		2.5	Load and unload livestock using good stock handling techniques in accordance with animal welfare standards and workplace procedures

		2.6	Check loaded livestock to ensure correct density within the pen and adjust as required in accordance with regulatory requirements and workplace procedures
		2.7	Sort unloaded livestock and separate any that are distressed, injured or ill in accordance with animal welfare standards and workplace procedures
3	Care for and control livestock in transit	3.1	Monitor wellbeing of livestock during transit and take action as required in accordance with regulations, animal welfare standards and workplace procedures
		3.2	Identify and handle distressed livestock using good stock handling techniques during transit in accordance with regulatory requirements and workplace procedures
		3.3	Confirm reporting/notification requirements, and action required, to care for the wellbeing of livestock if there is an accident
4	Complete documentation	4.1	Count and record livestock during loading and unloading in accordance with workplace procedures
		4.2	Ensure driver obligations related to livestock movement documentation are completed
		4.3	Complete transport documentation in accordance with enterprise and client procedures

Foundation skills

Foundation Skills essential to successful completion of this unit are mapped to the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF) and the European Digital Competence Framework (DigComp 3.0). Further information is available in the TLI Training Package Foundation Skills Companion Volume.

Range of conditions

Not applicable

Assessment Requirements for TLID0026 Care for livestock in transit

Performance Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria and include:

- Caring for livestock during loading, transit and unloading including:
 - determining and applying any applicable legislative, regulatory, industry and animal welfare requirements
 - identifying and controlling risks
 - planning and conducting transport of livestock considering:
 - selecting and loading correct livestock
 - route distance and road conditions
 - type of stock
 - trailer configuration
 - crate characteristics
 - penning density
 - feed and water requirements
 - weather conditions
 - driver and animal fatigue
 - inspecting vehicle and equipment to ensure:
 - effective control of livestock effluent
 - cleanliness and safety for workers and livestock during loading, unloading and transit
 - loading and unloading livestock using good stock handling techniques
 - working in accordance with the site biosecurity plan
 - identifying and responding to any identified problems with health and/or condition of livestock in compliance with regulatory requirements and workplace procedures
 - communicating with staff at cattle yards
 - completing relevant documentation.

Knowledge Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria and include knowledge of:

- relevant legislation, regulations, codes, chain of responsibility requirements and workplace procedures related to heavy vehicles and the handling, care and transport of livestock
- Australian animal welfare standards and guidelines for transporting livestock by land
- relevant livestock movement documentation including:
 - different documentation required
 - driver obligations related to documentation
 - national vendor declaration or equivalent
- livestock handling including:
 - animal behaviour
 - movement patterns in pens and races
 - low-stress handling techniques or safe positioning practices
- risks and appropriate controls/responses related to:
 - crates and their features
 - loading and unloading
 - ramps and gates
 - vehicle positioning
 - uneven or hazardous yard environments
 - pen sizing and density
 - variations in vehicles and trailer design
 - catwalk access and working at heights
 - vehicle breakdowns with cattle on board
 - distressed or injured animals
 - non-compliance at yards
 - heat-stress events
 - behaviour of livestock including aggression and non-normal patterns
 - animal escapes
- identifying livestock that should not be loaded, including:
 - not fit to load
 - behaviour or aggression
- procedures for care of livestock during loading, transit, unloading, emergencies and breakdowns
- methods for loading, unloading and securing livestock during transit

- driving and vehicle management techniques appropriate for livestock transport
- the purpose and application of site biosecurity plans
- specialised livestock handling equipment and procedures for its use
- safety features of vehicles
- safe gate and race techniques
- penning strategies for different classes of stock.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment must occur in workplace operational situations where it is appropriate to do so; where this is not appropriate, assessment must occur in simulated workplace operational situations that replicate workplace conditions.

Assessment processes and techniques must be appropriate to the language, literacy and numeracy requirements of the work being performed and the needs of the candidate.

Resources for assessment must include:

- a range of relevant exercises, case studies and/or simulations
- applicable documentation including workplace procedures, regulations, codes of practice and operation manuals
- access to stockyard, livestock, appropriate vehicle and crates, loading/unloading and personal protective equipment currently used in industry.

Mandatory Workplace Requirements

Assessment of performance evidence may be in a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents a real workplace.

Unit Mapping Information

Previous Code and Title	Equivalence	Comments
TLID0002 Care for livestock in transit	Not equivalent	

Links

Companion volumes, including implementation guides, are found on the national training register - <https://training.gov.au/training/details/TLI>.