

ZQ Shearing Assessment

This template is designed to provide the indicators of shearing best practice as a grower self-assessment tool prior to shearing and/or auditor use should the property be selected for random audit during shearing.

Date: _____ Team Leader _____

Property Trading Name: _____ Shearing Contractor Company: _____

Grower Contract Name: _____ Contractor Contact Name: _____

Grower Phone: _____ Contractor Phone: _____

Grower Email: _____ Contractor Email: _____

	YES	NO	COMMENTS
DOCUMENTATION			
A copy of the ZQ Grower Standard is available.			
ZQ specification and declaration form sighted by Grower and available for completion.			
Records of animal health treatments are available.			
SHEARING FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT			
A risk assessment has taken place to minimising hazards to humans and livestock.			
The shearing shed and yard facilities are well-maintained, clean and tidy, minimising hazards to humans and livestock.			
There is adequate lighting and ventilation for humans and livestock.			
All efforts are made to ensure a safe and healthy shearing shed environment.			
Mechanical plant and equipment are well-maintained.			
PEOPLE WELFARE			
There is a defined process for reporting and treating shed staff injuries which is understood by everybody in the shed.			
ANIMAL WELFARE			
Time off water and feed is appropriate for stock class.			
Observations of shearers and staff indicate appropriate handling, skill and training.			
There is a method for matching shearers to individual sheep post-shearing (e.g counting-out pens, EID tag recording, raddle).			
There is a defined process for reporting and treating shearing injuries which is understood by everybody in the shed.			
There is a defined process for treating sheep and shed staff injuries (including significant injuries) and all members of the shearing team are aware of the process.			
Severe shearing injuries are recorded and reported.			
There is a quarantine pen for injured stock.			
Water, feed and shelter provisions have been made for the 14 days following shearing.			
ZQ Shearing self-assessment used during shearing season.			
Accredited shearing contractor used e.g. SHEARNZ or similar.			
Cover / lifter comb used for shearing in cold conditions.			
Topical pain relief available for injury treatment when available and practicable.			

OBSERVATIONS	Signed Grower	Signed Control Union
	Date	Date