



## Farming

# SHEARING CONTRACTOR



#### WHAT'S THE JOB ABOUT?

- Employing and managing shearing teams and shed staff Hiring shearers, wool handlers, pressers and classers, providing induction and training, organising work schedules, paying wages.
- Negotiating contract details for shearing with wool growers Communicating with managers/farmers (clients) to determine shed and flock size, number of sheep mobs and shed supplies.
- Managing the shearing for each shed Organising the work load of each team member to ensure the smooth running of the shed and a quality wool clip for the farmer.
- Organising the run of shearing sheds
   Scheduling the shearing program and teams between sheds that allows for location, season and the requirements of farmers to maximise efficiency.
- Managing the contracting business Maintaining accounts, payments and other records.
- Classing the wool clip Many shearing contractors are also professional wool classers.





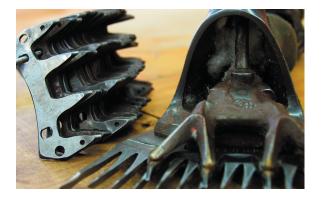
## Farming

#### **WORK CONDITIONS**

- Shearing usually takes place in a shearing shed where a coordinated team harvests the wool.
- The number of days spent in each shed will depend on the number of shearing stands in the shed and the size of the team and the flock.
- Sufficient work may be available in the local area allowing travel to and from home on a daily basis or the shearing contractor may live and work away from home for periods of time.
- The shearing contractor has the responsibility for arranging shearing in client's sheds, organising the teams and for all the requirements of the contracting business.

#### **EXPERIENCE AND RELATED TRAINING**

- Shearing contractors need the experience, skills and knowledge that allow them to provide a specialised service.
- Gaining a formal qualification will help you to develop the knowledge and skills that you need to develop a successful contracting business.
- If you are already working at this level, you can have your skills recognised by applying for a qualification with a training provider.







## Farming

Career path	Training Requirements
<ul> <li>Shed overseer</li> <li>You are responsible for organising the shearing shed and team for an efficient wool harvest.</li> </ul>	VOCATIONAL TRAINING <ul> <li>Certificate 3 in Shearing</li> </ul>
Shearing Contracting Business You work as a sole trader or in a partnership and hire a small number of staff.	VOCATIONAL TRAINING <ul> <li>Certificate 4 in Shearing</li> <li>Certificate 4 in Wool Classing</li> <li>Certificate 3 or 4 in Rural Business</li> </ul>
Shearing Contracting Company     If your contracting business has been     successful you may choose to expand the scale     of your enterprise and move to a company     structure with an increased number of staff.	<ul> <li>VOCATIONAL TRAINING</li> <li>Certificate 4 in Shearing</li> <li>Certificate 4 in Wool Classing</li> <li>Diploma/Advanced Diploma of Rural Business Management</li> <li>TERTIARY EDUCATION</li> <li>Degree in Agribusiness</li> <li>Degree in Rural Business Management (or equivalent)</li> </ul>

## Related Jobs

- Farm manager
- Farmer
- Wool classer
- Rural business manager/owner
- <u>Company representative</u>
- Extension officer
- Farm advisor/consultant
- <u>Agriculture teacher</u>
- Rural agency staff



## CLICK HERE TO GO TO ACTIVITIES