



# TFGA and TSI join forces in Livestock Welfare training

The Skills Institute, in conjunction with the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association, has introduced a self-paced training program focusing on animal welfare requirements in the production of livestock. Participants will learn to implement industry practices and procedures and report problems.

## Why introduce a Livestock Welfare training program?

“Animal welfare is becoming an increasingly scrutinised area. There is ongoing debate around competency and the need to show capability at correct animal welfare practices,” TFGA President Jan Davis says.

“The course developed by TSI and TFGA will offer farmers the opportunity to be assessed as competent in a manner that does not encroach on their valuable time.”

The purpose of this program is for participants to be assessed against nationally accredited competency standards with regards to livestock welfare.

Quality assurance programs commonly require producers to demonstrate that their employees, and themselves, provide evidence of training relating to animal welfare. This can either be demonstrated through internal training records, or through assessment by an external training provider.

## How important is this program to the Tasmanian farming industry?

“The health and welfare of animals is critically important to any producer,” TFGA President Jan Davis says. “Happy, healthy animals lead to better production. The TFGA’s involvement in this course reflects the importance of good animal welfare.”

“The development of this course is a proactive move by industry to encourage farmers to ensure they are bought up-to-date with livestock welfare regulations.”

## What does this program include?

The assessment process will take place through three distinct stages:

- Self-assessment
- Skills gap mentoring
- TSI assessment

Upon completing the program, participants will receive a Statement of Attainment for the nationally recognised unit “Comply with Industry Animal Welfare Requirements” (RTE3136A).

## How long does it take?

The Livestock Welfare Program ensures producers and their employees undertake this assessment with relatively little disruption to on-farm activities.

The recognition of existing experience and knowledge is integral in this process. Under the three-step assessment process, employers and employees complete an assessment of their understanding of the livestock welfare requirements relating to their workplace facilities and procedures. This relatively simple assessment should take less than an hour to complete.

Once the Skills Institute has received the self-assessment, it will identify any gaps in your livestock welfare knowledge and conduct skills gap mentoring (if necessary) prior to conducting the assessment.

Both the skills gap mentoring and the assessment can be delivered on-site at your workplace, ensuring no disruption to your day-to-day business.

## Where do I find more information?

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