

# Machine Sheep Shearing

## At a glance...

### Training (Only)

#### Duration Notes:

The expected duration for the course is two days, however please note this may vary according to factors such as level of experience, modules or attachments selected, or the ratio of instructors to learners.

## Introduction

Master and improve your sheep-shearing techniques with our Machine Sheep Shearing course.

## Overview in brief

Our training will suit you if you want to learn or improve your machine sheep shearing skills. If you don't have the right skills shearing can be difficult, and an incorrect technique can affect sheep welfare and the wool value.

The course will give you the information to carry out machine shearing to industry standards. You'll learn the best handling techniques for both sheep welfare and for your own safety too.

## The finer details

Your training will be led by experienced shearers who are qualified with the British Wool Marketing Board (BWMB).

There will be plenty of shearing practice as well as learning how to set up, maintain and look after shearing equipment correctly.

You'll be able to shear sheep to a competent manner unassisted and to the standards required by the BWMB certification scheme. You'll present the wool in a condition ready for sale, knowing the factors which affect its value.



At the end of the course you'll receive a certificate of training.

### Who should attend?

If you have basic or no experience of machine sheep shearing then our course is right for you.



### What will be covered?

The areas you will look at are:

- The shearing area
- Preparation – sheep
- Preparation – setting up the shearing machine
- Preparation – setting up the hand piece
- Pre-shearing checks
- Catching your sheep
- The starting position
- Common shearing faults
- The six points of good shearing
- Rolling the fleece
- Contamination
- Wool packing
- Further experience
- BWMB Shearing Certificate.

### Other areas of interest

- Better Livestock Handling for Increased Profitability
- Lambing techniques.

