



## Aligned Pork Production Pathway Map – Levels 3 to 5

New Zealand Certificate in Pork Production (Stockperson) (Level 3) [Ref: 2525] (55-65 credits)	New Zealand Certificate in Pork Production (Management) (Level 4) [Ref: 4222] (105 credits)	Supervise Pig Operations (Micro-credential) (Level 5) (30 credits)	Focus Area (with Purpose Context)
<b>SS1 Maintain pig hygiene &amp; effluent systems</b> (10 cr) (L3) Compulsory			<b>Environmental hygiene &amp; effluent compliance</b> L3: Follow routine cleaning and monitor effluent systems under supervision.
<b>SS2 Support pig health and biosecurity</b> (10 cr) (L3) Compulsory	<b>SS1 Manage pig farm biosecurity</b> (15 cr) (L4)  <b>SS2 Implement pig herd health programs</b> (15 cr) (L4)		<b>Pig health &amp; disease prevention</b> L3: Recognise illness, support treatments, and assist with routine health care.  L4: Identify risks and implement farm-wide biosecurity and environmental protection procedures. L4: Carry out treatment plans, monitor health trends, and maintain compliance with veterinary advice.
<b>SS3 Feed pigs and operate feeding systems</b> (15 cr) (L3) Compulsory	<b>SS3 Implement pig feeding programmes</b> (20 cr) (L4)		<b>Feeding systems &amp; nutrition</b> L3: Prepare and deliver feed according to schedules and observe pigs during feeding. L4: Apply nutrition knowledge to meet production targets and maintain feeding equipment.
<b>SS5 Care for Weaner and Grower Pigs</b> (10 cr) (L3) Elective			<b>Stage-based husbandry</b> L3: Provide consistent daily care and environmental management for young pigs.
<b>SS4 Care for the sow and litter from pre-farrowing to weaning</b> (20 cr) (L3) Elective	<b>SS4 Implement pig reproductive programs</b> (25 cr) (L4)		<b>Farrowing &amp; reproductive care</b> L3: Support farrowing sows and piglets from pre-birth to weaning; perform piglet procedures and record keeping. L4: Manage all breeding, birthing, and early-stage care activities to optimise herd productivity.



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<b>SS6 Pig reproduction and care of the breeding herd</b> (10 cr) (L3) Elective			<b>Breeding cycle awareness</b> L3: Learn reproduction fundamentals, perform basic tasks like oestrus detection and mating. Forms foundation for L4 farrowing leadership.
<b>SS7 Support pig welfare, behaviour and handling</b> (15 cr) (L3) Compulsory	<b>SS5 Prepare pigs for market</b> (8 cr) (L4)		<b>Pig behaviour &amp; welfare handling</b> L3: Handle pigs humanely and understand animal welfare requirements under legislation.  <b>Market readiness &amp; transport welfare</b> L4: Select, check, and load pigs for market in line with welfare standards and buyer needs.
	<b>SS7 Manage pig operations and production plans</b> (12 cr) (L4)	<b>SS8 Optimise pig performance using KPI-driven production planning</b> (30 cr) (L5)	<b>Planning &amp; performance management</b> L4: Assist with routine planning and data-based coordination. L5: Lead data-driven planning using KPI analysis, digital tools, and continuous improvement strategies.
	<b>SS6 Supervise and train pig farm staff</b> (10 cr) (L4)	↳ Covered in L5 through team leadership & reporting	<b>Team leadership &amp; HR skills</b> L4: Supervise and train staff in farm routines and safety. L5: Incorporate staffing needs, H&S compliance, and communication into strategic performance plans.

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Qualification outcomes		Credits	Conditions
1	Monitor and maintain hygiene conditions optimal to pig health, and manage effluent requirements on a pig farm.	10 credits	Skill standard xxxxx Maintain pig hygiene & effluent systems (Level 3) (credits 10)
2	Apply knowledge of pig nutritional requirements, to prepare feed rations for pigs, and feed pigs.	15 credits	Skill standard xxxxx Feed pigs and operate feeding systems (Level 3) (credits 15)
3	Maintain pig herd health through prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of health problems in pigs	10 credits	Skill standard xxxxx Support pig health and biosecurity (Level 3) (credits 10)
<b>Elective strands - Farrowing Care, Weaner and Grower Care, Reproduction and Herd Care</b>			
4.	Maintain the care, welfare, and productivity of a grower pig herd from weaning to finishing.	20 credits	Skill standard xxxxx Care for Weaner and Grower Pigs (Level 3) (credits 10)  Skill standard xxxxx Support pig welfare, behaviour and handling (Level 3) (credits 10)
5.	Establish the care and welfare requirements for a breeding herd from mating to farrowing and for boar care.	20 credits	Skill standard xxxxx Care for Pigs in the breeding herd. (Level 3) (credits 10)  Skill standard xxxxx Support pig welfare, behaviour and handling (Level 3) (credits 10)
6.	Implement pre and post farrowing processes for care of the sow and litter until weaning.	30 credits	Skill standard xxxxx Care for the sow and litter from pre-farrowing to weaning (Level 3) (credits 20)  Skill standard xxxxx Support pig welfare, behaviour and handling (Level 3) (credits 10)

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1	Implement and monitor biosecurity procedures on a pig farm.	15 credits	Skill standard xxxxx Manage pig farm biosecurity (Level 4) (15 credits)
2	Implement and monitor feeding, health, and reproductive programmes for a pig farm.	45 credits	<p>Skill standards integrated across outcomes (GPOs) 2-3</p> <p>Skill standard xxxxx Implement pig herd health programs (Level 4) (15 credits)</p> <p>Skill standard xxxxx Implement pig feeding programmes (Level 4) (20 credits)</p> <p>Skill standard xxxxx Implement pig reproductive programs (Level 4) (25 credits)</p>
3.	Supervise and provide instruction to team members using a range of effective communication and interpersonal skills relevant to a pig farm.	25 credits	Skill standard xxxxx Supervise and train pig farm staff (Level 4) (10 credits)
4.	Coordinate and review current production plans and workplace routines on a pig farm.	20 credits	<p>Skill standard xxxxx Prepare pigs for market (Level 4) (8 credits)</p> <p>Skill standard xxxx Support Pig Farm production planning and routine coordination (Level 4) (12 credits)</p>

Level 3 Micro-credentials	Level 4, 5 Micro-credentials
<b>Care of the pig breeding herd (30 credits)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SS4 Care for the sow and litter from pre-farrowing to weaning (20 credits)</li> <li>SS6 Pig reproduction and care of the breeding herd (10 credits)</li> </ul>	<b>Manage Pig Health (30 credits)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SS1 Manage pig farm biosecurity (15 credits)</li> <li>SS2 Implement pig herd health programmes (15 credits)</li> </ul>
<b>Care of Weaner and Grower Pigs (10 credits)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SS5 Care for Weaner and Grower Pigs (10 credits)</li> </ul>	<b>Manage Growing Pigs (28 credits)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SS3 Implement pig feeding programmes (20 credits)</li> <li>SS5 Prepare pigs for market (8 credits)</li> </ul>

<b>Manage Pig Reproduction (25 credits)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SS4 Implement pig reproduction programmes (25 credits)</li> </ul>
<b>Supervise Pig Operations (22 credits)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SS6 Supervise and train pig farm staff (10 credits)</li> <li>SS7 Manage pig operations and production plans (12 credits)</li> </ul>
<b>Manage Pig Production (30 credits) (Level 5)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SS8 Optimise pig performance using KPI-driven production planning (30 credits)</li> </ul>

Level	Qualification		Role Profile	Focus
<b>Level 3</b>	NZ Certificate in Pork Production (Stockperson) [Ref: 2525] Compulsory 45 credits	<b>Elective strands</b> Skill standards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 (20 credits)</li> <li>5 (20 credits)</li> <li>6 (30 credits)</li> </ul>	Routine pig care worker	Supervised care tasks, feeding, handling, hygiene, and basic health/reproduction
<b>Level 4</b>	NZ Certificate in Pork Production (Management) [Ref: 4222]		Farm team leader/supervisor	Implementation of plans, staff supervision, health, reproduction, feeding, market prep
<b>Level 5</b>	Supervise Pig Operations (Micro-Credential) (Level 5)		Farm planner/strategist or owner-operator	Advanced data-informed planning, optimisation, reporting, and regulatory alignment