

boardtalk

SPECIAL EDITION

message from the registrar



Thank you for renewing your Woolclasser registration for the 2016-18 triennium.

AWEX has undertaken an extensive review of the Code of Practice to coincide with the re-registration process, with feedback being sought from all industry stakeholders and Woolclassers. Thank you to the Woolclassers (over 900) who completed the on-line survey that was conducted late in 2014. This information, along with submissions received from industry stakeholders, was collated and provided valuable feedback to the Industry Services Advisory Committee (ISAC) review of the Code of Practice.

The results of the survey indicated that; overall, there was a high level of satisfaction with the 2013-15 Code of Practice and its tabbed section format. There was general agreement from Woolclassers and the broader industry for minimal change. The revised 2016-18 Woolclassing Code of Practice is presented in a similar format to the 2013-15 version.

You will notice that your new stencil and stamp do not have an expiry year. Your registration is valid for the triennium to December 2018. In the event of a stencil or stamp being broken, contact AWEX for a replacement.

For your convenience, this Special Edition of boardtalk summarises the changes to the COP. Take time to read through your new COP thoroughly and if you have any queries please contact me.

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What's in your re-registration pack?

Stencil

The new orange stencil has your stencil number and registration category on it but no expiry year.



Stamp

The self-inking stamp is a new model, which will overcome some of the problems that were experienced with the previous stamp. It does not have an expiry year.



2016-18 Code of Practice

The 2016-18 COP including updated content.



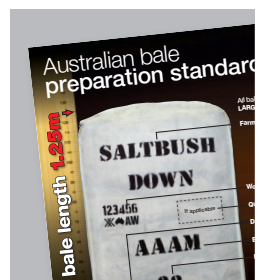
Bale Label Permanent Marker

The black permanent marker pen is UV resistant and is to be used for the completion of bale labels.



Bale Pressing Poster

The new Australian Bale Preparation Poster highlights the bale pressing standards and the importance of the new 120 kg minimum bale weight and 1.25 metre maximum bale length.



Note: Classer Associates do not receive a stencil, stamp or marker.

What **HAS** changed in the Code of Practice?

The Woolclasser's Role

- Extra information regarding the Classers role in relation to the Preparation of Wool and Quality Management

Definitions

- Revised definition of Classed Wool.
- Updated definition of "R" (Runs With) Shedding Breeds - this now includes reference to running with Goats.
- New descriptions for Crossbreds and Composites, with information on how to class their Wool.

Bale Branding Descriptors

- Addition of the AA M branding code descriptor for light pen stain in Merino fleece wool.

Preparation Standards

- Extra detail on the preparation of crossbred lambs and skirtings, highlighting the importance of uniformity of wool quality/count in classed lines.
- Shedding Breeds is now a tabbed section with additional preparation information included in the Classing Standards for fleece wool.

Bale Pressing

- Effective from 1st January 2016, the minimum bale weight for non-speciality wool will be 120 kg. There is no change to the maximum bale weight, this remains at 204 kg. There is no change to the minimum weight for single bale, speciality Superfine fleece wool lines (ASF4. or better, 18.5 micron and finer), this remains at 90 kg.
- Additional information on the new wool packs, with the emphasis on the correct procedures for the closing and labelling of bales and pressing within the 1.25 metre maximum bale length.

Classers Specification/ National Wool Declaration

- The example Woolclasser's Specification and National Wool Declaration (NWD) has been updated - please carefully read the explanation notes. The Classer should always liaise with the Owner/Manager regarding the Dark and Medullated Fibre Risk and Mulesing Status declarations made using the NWD. The Owner/Manager must sign the NWD for it to be valid. Note, all NWDs are eligible to a random audit/inspection as part of the NWD Integrity Program.

Various

- Additional headings for topics in the Classing Section.
- Updated Wool Team responsibilities.
- Updated Superfine Classing Guidelines.
- Inclusion of a Woolclasser Crimp Ruler.
- Expanded Fast Find Index.

What **HAS NOT** changed in the Code of Practice?

AAA M

- Responses to the Woolclasser's survey revealed some classers have concerns about managing the use of the multiple lines described as AAA M in the shearing shed. The effective use of Bin Codes, accurate documentation, visible labelling of wool bins and clear communication are important in this process.

Skirting of Fleece Wool

- In the Review, some Woolclassers suggested that unskirted fleece wool should be recognised as classed. At this time, skirting is considered an essential component of classing to the COP. Note; however, that the Code recommends skirting as lightly as possible. Fleece wool prepared and classed to the Code of Practice standards must be skirted (except for black, heavy dermo and hard cotts/matts). Unskirted wool must not have the stencil placed on the bales or stencil details on the specification.

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NEW!

Your Woolclasser Information Online

AWEX is pleased to offer registered woolclassers access to a new and secure woolclasser information portal. If you re-registered online this year you may already have noticed some extra features on the web page menus.

This portal now allows each woolclasser to:

- Re-register (for new periods),
- Check and change their own contact details (address, contact numbers, email etc.),
- Look at their classing activity in Summary and Detail level,
- Review and reply to Clip Inspections,
- Check for forthcoming Woolclassing events in the Calendar,
- Access latest editions of BOARDtalk and other publications,
- Ask the Registrar! – Submit a question to our Registrar.



How do I access the Portal?

Open your web browser and go to www.awex.com.au

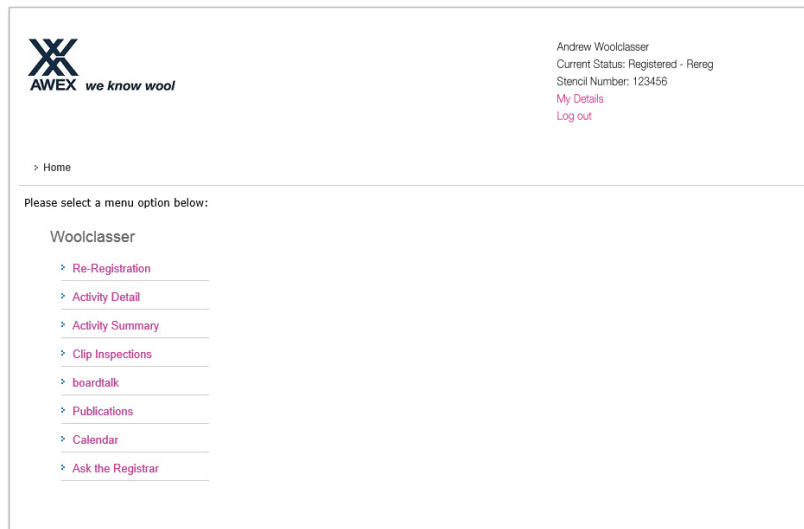
Click on the  button found on the top of the AWEX home page.

Enter your Online User Name* and Online Password*

*These details can be found on your registration form (top right hand corner) remember to keep these handy so you can access the site on demand.

If you have forgotten or lost your access credentials click on the “Retrieve your User Name or Password” option on the login page. Alternatively, contact AWEX on 02 9428 6100.

The menu page is illustrated below. Click on any of the options to explore further.



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Example of Activity Detail Screen

This page allows you to view all lots offered at auction by season and brand. Only technical details are shown, similar to the Annual Activity statement.

Clip Inspections

Want to reply to any clip inspections online? Simply access the Clip Inspection page from the main menu, select the season and brand and click on the response status against the appropriate lot to let us know your response.

Have Questions or need help?

Please ring 02 9428 6100 or email woolclasser@awex.com.au



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