



How do we train and accredit shearers?

British Wool is the approved provider for shearing and wool handling training in the UK, with a programme designed to support candidates of all abilities.

Our course content

British Wool courses are led by a team of registered and highly experienced instructors. Course content is designed to ensure shearing can be carried out carefully and sympathetically at any level, and includes closely supervised hands on experience, teaching best practice methods for shearing each part of the sheep, starting from the belly through to finishing the hind leg.

Courses also include best practice advice across the following key areas:

Presentation of sheep – the importance of careful preparation, effective handling systems and how to use them.

Preparation of the shearing area – creating a safe environment with adequate protection from weather conditions, sufficient light and air circulation.

Preparation of equipment – the importance of maintaining equipment and choosing the right combs for different wool types.

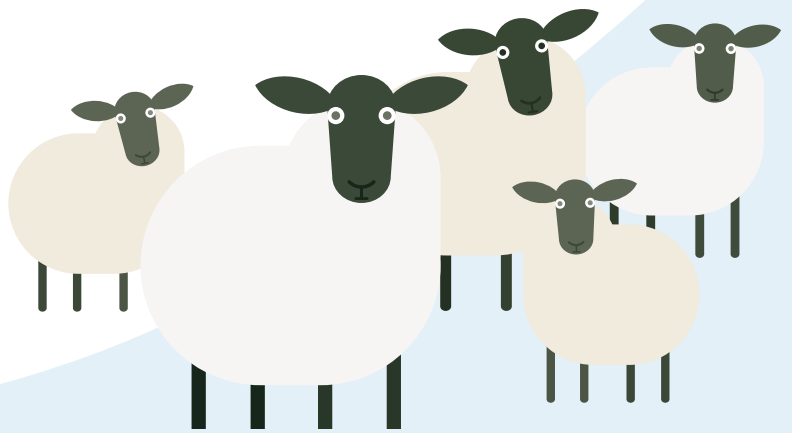
Preparation for the shearer – avoiding muscle strain, ensuring comfort and maintaining bio security compliance.

Learning the basics first

British Wool candidates learn the basics of shearing first, ensuring they can shear a single sheep carefully and sympathetically.

Candidates can then choose to attend a more advanced course, allowing them to develop the skills necessary to shear a larger flock efficiently and effectively, for example developing a deeper understanding of different shearing machinery.

Certificates are awarded on successful completion of all courses.



Our course structure

BLUE SEAL

The basics of shearing for all candidates

BRONZE SEAL

Shearing your own small flock

SILVER SEAL

Shearing your own medium to large flock

GOLD SEAL

Shearing your own large flock or operating as a shearing contractor

