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## Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 1.0.

## Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency in this unit must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria of this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual safely handled at least three different calm, consistent and obedient horses educated for the activity being performed including:

- carrying out a basic risk assessment prior to each activity, including observing and identifying horse body language
- communicating clearly with supervisor, including raising safety risks or concerns
- approaching, catching, controlling, leading, standing and tying up horses safely in at least one public space and one confined space, under supervision, including:
  - following work health and safety (WHS) procedures in the context of own work
  - applying safe horse handling techniques according to animal welfare requirements
  - fitting and correctly using horse handling gear and personal protective equipment (PPE)
- loading and unloading horses to a horse transport vehicle under supervision in a calm and humane manner.

## Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- common features of a horse, including points, colour, markings, gender, and common breeds
- basic characteristics of common horse behaviour and social traits
- features of horse body language
- communication protocols with supervisor, and procedures within the work environment
- potential hazards and risks when dealing with horses in open and confined spaces
- common types of injuries sustained by horses, handlers and others during handling activities
- safe horse handling zones

- purpose and use of PPE and gear for handling horses
- features of defective equipment and the implications to safety
- quick release knots and methods of securing horses
- types of horse transport and common loading configurations
- difficult situations that may occur when loading and unloading horses and procedures for dealing with difficulties.

## Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
  - a workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions, including open and confined spaces in suitable environments
- resources, equipment and materials:
  - various calm, consistent and obedient horses educated for the activity and assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
  - appropriate tack for individual, horse and activity
  - horse transport vehicle
  - PPE that is appropriate for activity and correctly fitted for individual
  - other people and horses in the vicinity of the assessment activity
- specifications:
  - work instructions
- relationships with others:
  - supervisor.

Training and assessment strategies must show evidence of the use of guidance provided in the *Companion Volume: User Guide: Safety in Equine Training*.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

## Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>

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