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Assessment Requirements for ACMEQU203 Provide basic care of horses

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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 provided basic care, under supervision, for at least three suitably educated, calm, consistent and obedient horses, including the following points for each of the three horses:

- communicating effectively with supervisor, including reporting hazards and risks
- using safe horse handling practices
- following animal welfare and work health and safety (WHS) practices in the context of own work
- grooming and rugging horse according to stable or daily routine
- monitoring basic horse health and welfare
- identifying signs and symptoms of lameness
- reporting signs of horse illness or injury to supervisor
- assisting with the provision of first aid and/or other treatments, including:
 - providing simple restraint techniques through use of head collar, halter and lead and positioning of horses
 - ensuring safe disposal of materials used for treatments according to WHS and biosecurity requirements.

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:

- basic horse anatomy and physiology as it relates to characteristics of healthy and unhealthy horses
- indicators of common horse ailments and conditions
- routine horse health requirements
- first aid treatment for minor injuries in horses

- horse grooming and rugging procedures
- reporting processes within the work environment
- general signs of a healthy horse and which signs to report to a supervisor
- safe horse handling zones when providing treatments and medications
- cleaning and maintenance requirements for different items of gear and personal protective equipment (PPE)
- types and purpose of PPE
- tools and equipment to undertake routine horse care duties.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various suitably educated, calm, consistent and obedient horses assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
 - PPE correctly fitted and appropriate for activity
 - appropriate tack for individual, horse and 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=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>