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# **Assessment Requirements for ACMEQU211 Prepare horses for competition, presentation or sale**

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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 prepared at least three well-educated, calm, consistent and obedient horses for competition, presentation or sale in a variety of settings and conditions, including:

- using safe horse handling methods, including horse and handler positioning techniques while washing, grooming, trimming and tacking-up in open and confined spaces
- using and caring for gear and equipment, including personal protective equipment (PPE)
- performing pre- and post-event grooming and washing procedures according to event requirements and workplace procedures
- trimming horses using scissors or small trimming clippers or razors or thinning combs and blades
- demonstrating horse mane and tail techniques to:
  - even out the thickness and length of manes and tails using manual pulling or thinning blades
  - prepare horses for specific breed standards presentation
  - select and fit event gear to horses as directed
  - select and use shampoos and other grooming products according to coat type and presentation requirements and according to workplace practices.

### 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:

- general competition show, sale or promotional event procedures
- common horse body language, behaviour and social traits related to horse competition, sale and public environments

- horse grooming techniques for a range of different breed standards and competition requirements
- safe horse handling techniques and zones
- purpose and use of horse grooming tools and products and potential impact on horse welfare
- symptoms and signs of horse distress during grooming and event activities
- cleaning and maintenance requirements for grooming tools for horse competition or sales event
- type and purpose of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- potential biosecurity and horse health hazards at competition and sale venues, and ways to minimise the risks that may occur at horse competitions, sales or promotional events
- potential hazards in horse grooming, trimming and washing in open and confined spaces
- styles including rosette, sewn, running and tail plaiting and application techniques
- styles of quarter marks and application techniques
- mane and tail trimming techniques and equipment used to:
  - even out the thickness and length of manes and tails using manual pulling and thinning blades
  - measure and trim tail length
  - hog manes
- types and purpose of horse gear required for competition and sales.

## 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 live, quiet, consistent and obedient horses assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
  - appropriate tack for individual, horse and competition, presentation or sale activity
  - personal protective equipment (PPE) applicable for activity for the individual.

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>