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ACMEQU214 Prepare to work safely around horses

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 5.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge to understand and interpret horse behaviour and body language in order to minimise risks to self, others and horses when working around horses.

This unit applies to workers who work around horses, but do not directly handle horses. These roles may include administration, finance, marketing, customer service, catering, facility management and equipment repair.

Commonwealth and state/territory health and safety and animal welfare legislation, regulations and codes of practice relevant to interacting with horses apply to workers in this industry. Requirements vary between industry sectors and jurisdictions.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Equine (EQU)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Identify basic horse behaviour	1.1 Identify basic horse characteristics and identification features 1.2 Identify the natural instincts, sensory perceptions and social behaviour of horses 1.3 Recognise how horse senses can influence their behaviour and

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	reactions
	1.4 Identify environmental conditions and other stimuli that can unsettle horses
	1.5 Identify ways horses can respond to different people and in different situations
	1.6 Identify body language, vocalisation, posture and facial features, indicating a horse is unsettled, agitated, in pain or relaxed in its surroundings
2. Identify areas of personal risk around horses	2.1 Identify situations, work activities and behaviours that lead to common incidents, accidents and injuries when working around horses
	2.2 Recognise human body language and behaviour that should be avoided around horses
	2.3 Identify positive actions and behaviours that minimise risks when around horses
3. Undertake site induction	3.1 Report to site supervisor, and complete required site registration and safety requirements to access site for own work
	3.2 Confirm and explain workplace roles, responsibilities and procedures for responding to worker and horse health and safety incidents, accidents and emergencies
	3.3 Confirm work tasks, location, timeframes, support workers and resources required with site supervisor
	3.4 Identify hazards associated with own tasks, assess risks and confirm risk controls for proposed tasks with site supervisor
4. Minimise risks when working around horses	4.1 Select and fit personal protective equipment, identification and other equipment as required
	4.2 Interpret and respond appropriately to horse body language during work tasks
	4.3 Maintain situational awareness of horses while undertaking tasks, and respond to and report new hazards that arise to site supervisor
	4.4 Complete tasks, report outcomes to site supervisor and undertake exit procedures according to workplace requirements

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Reading	• Interpret equine workplace safety induction documentation
Oral communication	• Use equine industry terminology to describe horse behaviour and body language • Use open and closed questions to seek and confirm information

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMEQU214 Prepare to work safely around horses	ACMEQU205 Apply knowledge of horse behaviour	Unit redesigned to include new outcomes to prepare individuals to work safely around horses Major changes to all sections of the unit	Not equivalent

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: - https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103