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# **ACMEQU215 Provide daily care for horses**

**Release: 1**

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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 required to provide daily care for horses, including cleaning stables, feeding and grooming.

This unit applies to workers who undertake routine horse care tasks under supervision. Work environments may include stables, small enclosed areas, paddocks and yards.

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

ACMEQU212 Handle horses safely

### Unit Sector

Equine (EQU)

### Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Prepare to work with horses	1.1 Confirm work program with supervisor 1.2 Identify hazards, assess risks, and control and/or report risks prior to commencing tasks 1.3 Select, check and maintain work tools and equipment required for the tasks

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	1.4 Select and fit personal protective equipment (PPE) appropriate for tasks
2. Clean stables or small horse enclosure and surrounding areas	2.1 Select cleaning and disinfecting products suitable for use around horses and people, according to workplace health and hygiene procedures 2.2 Remove horse from stable or small horse enclosure and secure at a suitable location using safe and low stress handling techniques 2.3 Clean stable or small horse enclosure and replace bedding or flooring materials if required 2.4 Dispose of stale feed, soiled bedding or flooring materials, manure and other waste products according to workplace procedures 2.5 Clean other horse holding areas, and report maintenance requirements 2.6 Clean, maintain and store tools and equipment and horse gear
3. Provide feed and water to horses	3.1 Clean feed and watering equipment and containers 3.2 Check feed and water supplies, and identify, remove and report contaminated feed and water as required 3.3 Prepare and distribute feed and water to horses according to horse requirements and workplace safety, quality and pest control procedures 3.4 Identify, record and report irregularities in individual horse eating and drinking patterns to supervisor
4. Groom a horse	4.1 Confirm grooming and rugging requirements for selected horse according to workplace procedures 4.2 Position, tie up and groom horse using safe and low stress techniques 4.3 Clean and check horse hooves 4.4 Identify signs of swelling, cuts and unusual horse behaviour that may indicate an illness or injury during grooming, and report these according to workplace requirements 4.5 Fit rug and other protective gear if required and according to environmental conditions and individual horse requirements 4.6 Clean, store and maintain grooming tools, equipment and PPE, and report maintenance issues

## 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accurately interpret food product labels and chemical safety data sheets</li> </ul>
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enter data and information accurately into workplace records</li> </ul>
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Estimate and calculate quantity, area, weight, temperature and volume</li> </ul>
Oral communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use active listening and questioning to clarify supervisor instructions</li> <li>Use industry terminology to describe horses, equipment and the work environment</li> </ul>

## Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMEQU215 Provide daily care for horses	ACMEQU203 Provide basic care of horses	Redesigned unit that includes content from <i>ACMHBR203 Provide daily care for horses</i> , <i>ACMEQU203 Provide basic care of horses</i> , and <i>ACMEQU204 Perform daily tasks in the horse industry</i>	Not equivalent
ACMEQU215 Provide daily care for horses	ACMEQU204 Perform daily tasks in the horse industry	Redesigned unit that includes content from <i>ACMHBR203 Provide daily care for horses</i> , <i>ACMEQU203 Provide basic care of horses</i> , and <i>ACMEQU204 Perform daily tasks in the horse industry</i>	Not equivalent

ACMEQU215 Provide daily care for horses	ACMHBR203 Provide daily care for horses	Redesigned unit that includes content from <i>ACMHBR203 Provide daily care for horses</i> , <i>ACMEQU203 Provide basic care of horses</i> , and <i>ACMEQU204 Perform daily tasks in the horse industry</i>  Prerequisite requirements changed  Major changes to all sections of the unit	Not equivalent
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## Links

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