



Australian Government

ACMEQU216 Check and treat 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 carry out routine checks on horses, provide treatments under direction, and assist others to provide medical treatment when required.

This unit applies to workers in industries involving horses, and who undertake routine horse care tasks under supervision.

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. Carry out routine horse checks	1.1 Confirm horse identification and supervisor instructions for horse health activities 1.2 Identify hazards, assess risks and control and/or report risks prior to commencing tasks 1.3 Select and fit personal protective equipment (PPE) required for the

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	task 1.4 Identify signs of good health and condition in horses 1.5 Check horse for signs of lameness, soreness, heat or swelling in legs, cuts and other signs of injury, illness and distress 1.6 Clean and examine hooves and note signs of hoof general condition, damage or injury 1.7 Check shoes, if fitted to horse, for wear and damage and report missing or loose shoes 1.8 Report signs of horse health, illness or injury to supervisor according to workplace procedures
2. Carry out horse treatments	2.1 Confirm horse identification and treatment requirements with supervisor 2.2 Identify hazards, assess risks and control and/or report risks prior to commencing tasks 2.3 Select and fit PPE required for the task 2.4 Select, check and apply appropriate restraints to secure horse in preparation for treatment 2.5 Provide routine medications and treatments using safe and low stress techniques, and record according to workplace requirements 2.6 Assist others as directed to treat horses 2.7 Store or dispose of medications and treatments according to workplace health, safety and biosecurity 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 key information in horse treatment product labels
Writing	Record data and information about checking and treating horses accurately

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Numeracy	Estimate and calculate quantity, weight, temperature, volume and ratio
Oral communication	Use active listening and questioning techniques to clarify and confirm supervisor instructions

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMEQU216 Check and treat horses	ACMEQU203 Provide basic care of horses	Redesigned unit that includes content from <i>ACMHBR201 Check and treat horses</i> , and <i>ACMEQU203 Provide basic care of horses</i>	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>