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ACMEQU218 Perform horse riding skills at walk, trot and canter

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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 control a horse under saddle that is suitably educated for a beginner rider. It focuses on walking, trotting and cantering calm, obedient and consistent horses that are suitable for the level of rider experience, during controlled, supervised horse riding activities.

The unit includes the foundational skills and knowledge required for entry level riding tasks in an equine workplace, including knowledge of potential risks when working with and around horses, to ensure the welfare and safety of the individual, other participants and horses.

The unit applies to individuals who have limited or no horse riding experience, and who are developing skills needed to ride horses. Riding environments may include exercise yards and fenced horse riding areas or arenas.

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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1. Prepare for horse riding activity	1.1 Explain own current skill level, riding skill development goals and horse preferences to assist with assignment of a suitable horse 1.2 Identify and confirm with supervisor potential hazards and risks associated with specific location, environment and horse riding activity, and apply control measures as directed 1.3 Identify, confirm and fit personal protective equipment (PPE) required for preparing and riding horse 1.4 Catch, secure, groom and check assigned horse for general health, injuries, hoof damage and loose shoes using safe and low stress horse handling techniques 1.5 Select, check and fit gear allocated to horse 1.6 Present horse and self to supervisor for gear check, stirrup length adjustment and girth tightening prior to mounting
2. Demonstrate controlled riding skills in an enclosed environment	2.1 Mount horse in a safe and balanced manner 2.2 Ride horse through gaits in a balanced and controlled manner 2.3 Use recognised aids, including legs, weight, hands and voice, to control movement, speed and direction of horse at halt, walk, trot and canter 2.4 Cue horse through a range of movements and direction, maintaining control of horse 2.5 Control horse under saddle among other horse and rider combinations, maintaining safe riding practices while performing a variety of basic school movements 2.6 Negotiate potential hazards appropriately to minimise risks 2.7 Undertake emergency stop using a safe technique 2.8 Dismount safely and lead horse in a safe and controlled manner
3. Complete post-riding activities	3.1 Perform post-riding cool down of horse as required 3.2 Remove gear safely, clean it and check its condition, and report to supervisor on condition of gear and horse post-exercise

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
Numeracy	Estimate and measure distance
Oral communication	- Use active listening and open and closed questions to clarify instructions - Use industry terminology to describe horse riding related activities

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMEQU218 Perform horse riding skills at walk, trot and canter	ACMEQU206 Perform horse riding skills at walk, trot and canter	Prerequisite requirements changed Major changes to all sections of the unit	Not equivalent

Links

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<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>