



Australian Government

ACMEQU219 Develop riding skills for exercising 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 required for riding educated horses on the flat and in negotiating set obstacles in controlled and open areas. It includes knowledge of assessing risks to protect the welfare of people and horses.

This unit applies to riders who work under supervision, and who exercise calm, consistent and obedient horses that are ridden in areas that may include paddocks, stock or exercise yards, arenas, trails, and open areas at training and competition venues.

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

The prerequisite unit of competency for this unit is:

- ACMEQU218 Perform horse riding skills at walk, trot and canter.

Note the following chain of prerequisites that also apply to this unit.

Unit of competency	Prerequisite requirement
ACMEQU218 Perform horse riding skills at walk, trot and canter	ACMEQU212 Handle horses safely

Unit Sector

Equine (EQU)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Prepare to ride	1.1 Confirm horse identification, riding location, program and riding etiquette according to workplace requirements 1.2 Confirm safe horse handling practices, health and safety procedures, and riding etiquette associated with workplace, location and activity 1.3 Identify hazards, assess risks and control and/or report risks prior to handling horses and starting exercise 1.4 Select and fit personal protective equipment (PPE) required for preparing and riding the horse 1.5 Select and fit horse gear as directed according to purpose, features of fit and workplace requirements 1.6 Walk and stretch horse, and adjust gear and girth prior to mounting
2. Ride and control horse safely while exercising	2.1 Mount horse in a safe and balanced manner 2.2 Warm up and ride horse in enclosed and/or open areas according to exercise program and supervisor instructions 2.3 Identify footfalls, appropriate trot diagonal and canter leads both on ground and whilst riding 2.4 Demonstrate rising trot, sitting trot, three and two point canter seat in a balanced and controlled manner 2.5 Establish and maintain suitable speed within each gait to ensure control at all times 2.6 Control horse under saddle among other horse and rider combinations while maintaining safe riding practices 2.7 Complete exercise and warm down horse according to horse and program requirements
3. Complete post-riding activities	3.1 Cool down, hose and groom horse after riding according to horse requirements and workplace procedures 3.2 Remove, clean and check gear before storage, and report maintenance issues to supervisor 3.3 Report horse performance and condition to supervisor

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimate and measure distance
Oral communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
ACMEQU219 Develop riding skills for exercising horses	ACMEQU207 Develop riding skills for exercising horses	Redesigned unit that includes content from <i>ACMEQU207 Develop riding skills for exercising horses</i> , and <i>ACMPHR201 Ride performance horses for exercise in an arena</i> Prerequisite requirements changed Major changes to all sections of the unit	Not equivalent
ACMEQU219 Develop riding skills for exercising horses	ACMPHR201 Ride performance horses for exercise in an arena	Redesigned unit that includes content from <i>ACMEQU207 Develop riding skills for exercising horses</i> , and <i>ACMPHR201 Ride performance horses for exercise in an arena</i>	Not equivalent

Links

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