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ACMEQU306 Provide routine care for 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 to provide routine care for horses. It involves grooming, basic trimming, rugging, feeding, basic turnout and monitoring horse welfare.

This unit applies to individuals who apply technical knowledge and skills with discretion and judgement to care for horses. They work under broad direction, coordinate activities and solve problems related to horse welfare. Work environments may include stables, small horse enclosures, 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. Maintain horse environment	1.1 Determine individual needs of horse and arrange housing to meet needs 1.2 Identify hazards, carry out a risk assessment and take steps to

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	minimise risk to ensure safety of self, horse and others 1.3 Clean stables or small horse enclosures and yards, ensuring bedding or flooring material is replaced and equipment is checked, maintained and stored according to workplace procedures 1.4 Maintain a safe environment and housing for horses according to animal welfare and workplace requirements 1.5 Document and report property and equipment maintenance issues according to workplace requirements
2. Groom a horse	2.1 Identify hazards, and assess and control their risk 2.2 Select and fit personal protective equipment (PPE) required for the task 2.3 Select and prepare required grooming equipment and products according to horse and workplace requirements 2.4 Position, tie up and groom horse using safe and low stress techniques 2.5 Trim horse mane, tail and bridle path according to instructions 2.6 Identify signs of horse illness, injury or abnormal behaviour during grooming, and action as required 2.7 Check horse's hooves and shoes if fitted to horse, clean and dress hooves, and report irregularities 2.8 Select and fit rugs, flyveil and any other protective equipment to horse as required 2.9 Clean, store and maintain grooming tools and PPE
3. Prepare horse for exercise	3.1 Select and prepare horse for exercise according to workplace requirements 3.2 Select correct working gear and check for serviceability and suitability 3.3 Fit working gear to horse safely and adjust where required
4. Complete post-exercise activities	4.1 Cool down, hose, wash and groom horse after exercise according to horse requirements and workplace procedures 4.2 Check horse for signs of lameness, soreness, heat or swelling in legs, cuts and other signs of injury, illness and distress, and report according to workplace procedures 4.3 Remove, clean and check gear before storage, or report

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	maintenance issues
5. Monitor and maintain a horse feeding program	5.1 Maintain and clean food storage areas and water supply, and keep free of contaminants 5.2 Prepare feed and feed supplements according to individual horse feeding plan 5.3 Distribute feed and water, observe horse condition and feeding patterns and report variations 5.4 Seek dietary advice and adjust diet and feeding practices as required 5.5 Monitor feed stock and water and replenish according to workplace procedures 5.6 Monitor feed and water quality, and action or report contamination and other quality issues according to workplace procedures

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 textual information in workplace procedures, forms and work health and safety standards - Interpret key information available from horse food supplement suppliers and horse dietary plans
Writing	Record information accurately using industry terminology
Numeracy	Estimate and calculate quantity, area, volume, temperature, ratio and percentage

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status

ACMEQU306 Provide routine care for horses	ACMHBR308 Maintain horses in a healthy state	Redesigned unit including content from <i>ACMPHR301 Care for performance horses</i> , and <i>ACMHBR308 Maintain horses in a healthy state</i>	Not equivalent
ACMEQU306 Provide routine care for horses	ACMPHR301 Care for performance horses	Redesigned unit including content from <i>ACMPHR301 Care for performance horses</i> , and <i>ACMHBR308 Maintain horses in a healthy state</i> Prerequisite requirements changed Unit sector changed to EQU 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>