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ACMEQU308 Transport horses using a road vehicle

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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 safely transport horses in a vehicle or float to a destination, including loading, unloading and monitoring horses.

This unit applies to workers who apply technical knowledge and skills with discretion and judgement to care for horses in a range of environments that require horses to be transported. They work under broad direction, coordinate resources and activities, and solve predictable and unpredictable problems.

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.

The transport, cross-border movement and siting of livestock including horses must comply with state and territory transport, quarantine and biosecurity legislation, regulations and codes of practice.

No vehicle licensing is required for individuals undertaking the work described in this unit. Where an individual is the nominated transport vehicle owner or driver, state and territory legislation, regulations, licencing and registration apply.

Pre-requisite Unit

ACMEQU212 Handle horses safely

Unit Sector

Equine (EQU)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Prepare to transport horses	1.1 Confirm horse identification, destination, travel duration and individual horse requirements with client 1.2 Determine transport requirements, including vehicle configuration 1.3 Check vehicle meets safety and horse welfare requirements, and report issues if required 1.4 Select and fit personal protective equipment for safe loading and/or unloading of horses 1.5 Select horse loading gear and equipment, and check condition, safety and functionality 1.6 Identify hazards associated with all stages of transporting horses, and assess and control risks 1.7 Obtain permits and/or complete documentation according to workplace and/or regulatory, border and biosecurity requirements
2. Load horses	2.1 Perform final checks and/or adjustments to transport vehicle to meet horse ventilation, temperature and other welfare requirements 2.2 Identify horses, and assess and control risks to horses and handlers when loading and unloading horses 2.3 Assess horses to confirm suitable condition for transporting 2.4 Fit gear correctly and prepare horses for loading on transport vehicle according to workplace procedures 2.5 Load and position horses according to transport configuration and classes, using safe and low stress horse handling techniques 2.6 Secure horses in vehicle with suitable restraints
3. Transport and monitor horses	3.1 Ensure horses are transported with minimal stress and discomfort 3.2 Check horses regularly throughout the journey, and unload for feeding and watering according to animal welfare requirements 3.3 Unload horses at final destination using safe and low stress handling techniques, taking into account unpredictable horse behaviour 3.4 Lead horse to secure enclosure or restrain in a suitable location 3.5 Monitor horse condition and welfare in new environment and provide appropriate feed and water 3.6 Confirm with client or owner that horses have been delivered and are now in their care

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4. Complete transportation operations	4.1 Clean, maintain and secure vehicle, equipment and facilities according to workplace and biosecurity requirements 4.2 Complete transport records according to regulatory requirements and 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 key information in written instructions and carrier specifications
Writing	Record information accurately using industry terminology
Numeracy	Measure and calculate quantity, weight, area, distance, time, speed and temperature related to transporting horses

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMEQU308 Transport horses using a road vehicle	ACMHBR301 Transport horses	Prerequisite requirements changed Unit sector changed to EQU Major changes to all sections of the unit	Not equivalent

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -

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