



Australian Government

ACMEQU310 Exercise and school 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 exercise and school horses under saddle. It involves developing and implementing a training plan to improve the horse's movement, performance and responses to rider aids. It includes knowledge of assessing risks to protect the welfare of people and horses.

The unit applies to individuals who are experienced riders that school and exercise horses. They work under broad direction, applying knowledge and discretion to assess horses, solve problems and meet the requirement of individual horse training programs.

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:

- ACMEQU219 Develop riding skills for exercising horses.

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

Unit of competency	Prerequisite requirement
ACMEQU219 Develop riding skills for exercising horses	ACMEQU218 Perform horse riding skills at walk, trot and canter
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. Develop horse schooling program	1.1 Confirm horse identification and discuss horse's current level of education and development goals with supervisor 1.2 Prepare horse gear, riding location, personal protective equipment (PPE) and other resources required to ride and assess horse 1.3 Fit PPE and horse gear, ride horse and confirm level of education, in consultation with supervisor if required 1.4 Develop and agree horse education and exercise program in consultation with supervisor
2. Prepare to exercise horse	2.1 Prepare horse gear, riding location, PPE and other resources required to commence horse schooling and exercise 2.2 Identify hazards, assess risks and control and/or report risks prior to handling horses and starting exercise 2.3 Fit PPE for preparing and exercising horse 2.4 Select and fit gear as required according to purpose, features of fit and workplace requirements 2.5 Walk and stretch horse, adjust gear and girth prior to mounting
3. Exercise and school horse	3.1 Mount and warm up horse using simple schooling movements 3.2 Increase intensity of exercise and complexity of movements to develop horse fitness and ability to perform movements, providing regular breaks as required 3.3 Introduce new school movements according to horse and program requirements 3.4 Complete exercise session and warm horse down, allowing to stretch and relax prior to stopping and dismounting
4. Complete post-exercise activities	4.1 Cool down, hose and groom horse after riding according to horse requirements and workplace procedures 4.2 Remove, clean and check gear before storage, and report maintenance issues 4.3 Complete exercise records and report horse performance and

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	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
Reading	Interpret information relating to workplace procedures, instructions, work plan and weather
Oral communication	- Use active listening and open and closed questions to clarify instructions - Use industry terminology to describe horse exercise activities
Numeracy	Estimate distance, speed and circles during horse riding

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMEQU310 Exercise and school horses	ACMPHR304 Ride and lead performance horses	Redesigned unit that includes new outcomes 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>