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Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has handled and provided non-riding exercise to two different well-educated, calm, consistent and obedient horses. Each horse must be exercised on at least two different occasions. On each occasion, the individual must have completed one of the following:

- exercised a horse for at least ten minutes on mechanical exercise equipment, including:
 - carried out pre-operational checks of equipment
 - identified emergency procedures
 - safely loaded and unloaded the horse on equipment
 - operated the equipment and adjusted speed according to program requirements and horse performance

or

- exercised a horse in a wading and/or swimming activity for at least two minutes, including:
 - led the horse safely into and out of water
 - controlled and monitored horse during exercise in water.

For each horse exercise activity, the individual must have:

- identified at least three different hazards, and assessed and controlled risks prior to starting exercise
- monitored horse health and behaviour before, during and after exercise, and reported signs of distress, illness or injury
- followed safe work practices for at least one of the following:
 - the operation of mechanical exercise equipment
 - the use of aquatic facility or environment
- selected, fitted and cared for horse gear and equipment for non-riding exercise tasks

- selected, checked and correctly fitted personal protective equipment (PPE)
- carried out post-exercise care of horses, including cooling down using at least one of the following:
 - hand walking
 - hosing
 - ice application
 - grooming techniques
- cleaned exercise equipment and/or horse gear
- updated exercise program records and reported horse performance and condition.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- purpose, principles and techniques for non-riding exercise of horses, including exercise using:
 - mechanical walkers
 - treadmills
 - wading and swimming facilities or environments
 - water walkers
- workplace procedures for non-riding exercise to horses, including pre-exercise, during exercise and post-exercise procedures
- types and purpose of horse working gear required for mechanical exercise equipment and for wading and swimming horses
- workplace communication procedures for conducting horse exercise programs that involve wading, swimming and mechanical equipment
- common horse behaviour and management related to exercise routines and fitness
- signs of horse injury, fatigue and distress related to exercise involving wading, swimming and mechanical equipment
- likely injuries that may be sustained by horses and handlers during horse exercise involving wading, swimming and mechanical equipment
- safe and low stress horse handling techniques and zones when wading and swimming horses, and exercising horses using mechanical exercise equipment
- operation of emergency flotation devices and water rescue equipment for handlers and horses
- requirements for checking and maintaining horse working gear and exercise equipment used for non-riding exercise
- key features of exercise programs for horses at various stages of fitness, on mechanical exercise equipment and during wading and swimming
- common workplace health and safety requirements and practices relating to non-riding horse exercise, including:
 - hazard identification, risk assessment and risk control
 - types and purpose of PPE, including PPE for working in water and around electricity

- handling, restraining and working with horses in water and on exercise machines
- safe storage, handling and disposal of treatments, chemicals and cleaning agents
- horse welfare considerations related to non-riding exercise, including:
 - • weather, including wind and temperature
 - • fatigue and stress
 - • health status, including current injuries
- workplace horse exercise and condition reporting systems and procedures.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - an equine exercise facility or aquatic environment
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live horses specified in the performance evidence, assessed as suitable for the assessment of this unit and the individual being assessed
 - mechanical horse exercise equipment and/or aquatic environment suitable for exercising horses, including safety instructions for use
 - gear, materials, tools and equipment suitable for the tasks specified in the performance evidence, including PPE
 - workplace reporting and recording formats
- specifications:
 - workplace programs and procedures for wading or swimming horses and/or exercising horses using mechanical exercise equipment.

The *Companion Volume: User Guide: Safety in Equine Training* provides advice and sample templates to assist assessors with the risk assessments that should be undertaken to help ensure the safety of all involved in the assessment.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>