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# **ACMEQU314 Provide non-riding exercise to horses**

**Release: 1**

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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 prepare and conduct non riding exercise for horses using mechanical exercise equipment or aquatic environments, and perform post-exercise procedures. It does not include lungeing.

This unit applies to individuals who work under broad direction in equine workplaces. They apply knowledge, discretion and judgement to safely exercise horses in water and/or exercise horses using mechanical equipment, such as horse walkers or treadmills.

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, except for the racing industry, where requirements vary between states and territories. Users working in the racing industry are advised to contact the relevant Principal Racing Authority for advice on current requirements.

### 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. Prepare horse for exercise	1.1 Confirm horse to exercise, exercise program, equipment and/or facilities and other individual horse requirements

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	<p>1.2 Identify hazards, and assess and control risks prior to handling horse and starting exercise</p> <p>1.3 Select and fit personal protective equipment (PPE) appropriate for task</p> <p>1.4 Select, check and fit gear to horse for exercise program, and prepare horse for exercise using safe and low stress handling techniques</p>
2. Conduct non-riding exercise	<p>2.1 Check and/or set up mechanical exercise equipment and/or water environment to ensure it is safe for horse exercise</p> <p>2.2 Lead horse safely onto exercise equipment and/or into water</p> <p>2.3 Conduct exercise according to horse program, and monitor horse behaviour and performance</p> <p>2.4 Maintain safe position at all times when conducting non-riding exercise</p> <p>2.5 Reduce intensity of exercise or stop exercise if horse displays signs of distress or injury</p> <p>2.6 Remove horse safely from mechanical exercise equipment and/or water</p>
3. Perform post-exercise procedures	<p>3.1 Remove gear from horse and check horse for signs of injury</p> <p>3.2 Cool down, hose, ice and groom horse after exercise according to horse requirements</p> <p>3.3 Record and report on horse performance and irregular horse behaviour, signs of distress or injury during and after exercise</p> <p>3.4 Check and maintain gear before storage, and report gear quality and maintenance issues</p>

## 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
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Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Interpret horse exercise program requirements</li></ul>
Oral communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Use active listening and questioning to clarify and confirm supervisor instructions</li><li>Use industry terminology to describe and report horse non-riding exercise activities and condition</li></ul>
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Measure and calculate weight, temperature, time, distance, speed and gradient</li></ul>

## Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMEQU314 Provide non-riding exercise to horses	ACMEQU209 Provide non-riding exercise to horses	Unit code AQF level indicator changed from 2 to 3 to reflect revised unit outcomes  Prerequisite requirements changed  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>