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## Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 1.0.

## Performance Evidence

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

There must be evidence that the individual applied knowledge of equine anatomical and physiological features in assessing the equine health care requirements for at least two different horses, including:

- evaluating a range of ailments and diseases and their impact on body systems
- observing and identifying horse behaviour characteristics that indicate distress or illness
- making informed decisions on prioritising treatments to maintain the health and wellbeing of horses.

## 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:

- anatomical and physiological structures, features and functions
- interactions and relationships between body systems
- anatomical directional terminology
- causes and consequences of horse ailments, infections and injuries
- contagious disease symptoms, prophylaxis and biosecurity protocols
- key features of equine allied health practitioner codes of conduct
- equine health therapies and treatments
- indicators of horse distress, illness and disease
- industry, veterinary and anatomical terminology related to equine allied health care
- normal and abnormal characteristics of equine behaviour
- key principles and practices of animal welfare relating to health care requirements of horses.

## Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
  - a workplace, or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
  - access to information on horse anatomical features, systemic and pathophysiological systems of horses and horse diseases, illnesses and injuries
  - profiles or case studies of two horses with different health care requirements.

Training and assessment strategies must show evidence of the use of guidance provided in the *Companion Volume: User Guide: Safety in Equine Training*.

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>