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## Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 2	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 2.0.
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 maintained and monitored health and welfare for at least three horses. In maintaining and monitoring the health of each horse the individual must have:

- assessed the impact of an unbalanced or nutrient-deficient diet on horse health and behaviour
- implemented and monitored a health management program
- documented and maintained appropriate records
- provided safe, compliant and secure housing arrangements for horses
- followed work health and safety and animal welfare requirements
- used safe horse handling procedures
- correctly fitted and used personal protective equipment (PPE).

For at least one horse (which may be one of the above-mentioned horses), the individual must have:

- assessed the health status of the horse
- determined emergency care procedures
- implemented infection control procedures
- determined horse health problems and treatment options in consultation with veterinarians and professionals
- administered treatments as required and monitored horse progress.

## 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:

- principles and practices for maintaining and monitoring horse health and welfare:
  - feed stuffs commonly fed to horses and the general principles of a balanced diet for horses
  - physiological structures, features and functions related to dietary needs and the absorption and metabolism of nutrients
  - consequences of an unbalanced or deficient diet to horse function, health and behaviour
- features of health management programs for horses, including:
  - equine dental programs
  - parasite programs
  - vaccination programs
  - hoof maintenance programs
- requirements for safe, secure housing for horses
- safe handling techniques and methods of restraining horses
- horse health record systems
- symptoms and indicators of normal and abnormal system function
- common illnesses and injuries in horses
- emergency care procedures
- signs and symptoms of communicable diseases
- infection control technique
- purpose and use of relevant medications and treatments for common diseases and injuries
- key requirements of biosecurity standards relevant to horse disease, hygiene standards, notifiable diseases and quarantine procedures
- key requirements of animal welfare standards, policies and procedures relevant to the safe, humane and ethical care of horses
- key requirements of work health and safety regulations and guidelines relating to:
  - risk assessment and control
  - storage of medicines and chemicals and cleaning agents
  - safe storage and disposal of medications and other remedies
  - personal protective equipment (PPE).

## 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:

- various horses of different ages and health status assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
- materials and equipment relevant to providing care and treatment for horses in assessment activity, including appropriate tack and personal protective equipment (PPE)
- access to veterinary or health practitioner for instructions.

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>