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ACMEQU423 Manage selection of horse for handler, rider or driver

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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 to manage the suitable selection of horses for handlers, riders or drivers (referred to as participants). It involves the application of theoretical knowledge of horse behaviour and learning to ensure safety in the workplace.

The unit applies to supervisors working in horse operations who have supervisory and health and safety responsibilities for selecting and matching horses appropriate for the skills of participants in their care. These individuals need to have the skills and knowledge to assess requirements relevant to horse handling, riding or driving.

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

Nil

Unit Sector

Equine (EQU)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Assess horse suitability for purpose	1.1 Identify factors to consider for conducting a fit-for-purpose assessment of horse to address current health and safety requirements

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	1.2 Record horse characteristics and behaviour, and assess horse suitability for specified activities using an appropriate tool 1.3 Observe and assess horse in a range of conditions and stimuli relevant to activities to be undertaken by participants 1.4 Evaluate assessment outcomes and rate individual horse suitability for the activity according to workplace procedures 1.5 Conduct additional horse assessments over time and in varying conditions, recording incidents and observing horse responses to ensure currency of horse suitability records
2. Assess skills of handler, rider or driver	2.1 Conduct an induction briefing covering workplace rules and participant responsibilities and obligations 2.2 Identify and record criteria to consider in determining capability of participant to undertake specific activities involving horse 2.3 Assess readiness and current horse behaviour knowledge of participant 2.4 Conduct practical assessment of participant with horse suitable for activity in a safe and controlled environment 2.5 Determine and record participant capability rating objectively against criteria using appropriate tool
3. Match horse to handler, rider or driver for specific activity	3.1 Establish safe activities to assess and match suitability of horse and participant 3.2 Conduct activities to determine suitable matching of horse for participant 3.3 Discuss assessment outcome and capabilities with participant 3.4 Address concerns or expectations participant may have about their own abilities or of horse
4. Monitor handler, rider or driver and horse behaviour	4.1 Observe participant for any signs of mismatch with horse, inappropriate behaviour, or control issues with selected horse, and take action to address 4.2 Monitor horse behaviour and determine if action is required 4.3 Implement ongoing monitoring activities to identify problems and appropriate courses of action 4.4 Implement alternative arrangements if participant and horse combination is not suitable

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	Access and interpret key information in horse and personnel records
Writing	- Use objective industry terminology for describing and recording horse behaviour and characteristics, and appropriate language and descriptions in personnel records - Complete workplace forms using print-based and/or digital formats
Oral communication	Use language, tone and pace appropriate for audience when participating in verbal exchanges

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMEQU423 Manage selection of horse for handler, rider or driver	ACMEQU406 Manage selection of horse for new or inexperienced handler, rider or driver	Title changed Prerequisite and Element 1 removed Changes to Performance Criteria and terminology for clarity Foundation Skills table updated Knowledge Evidence updated with increased knowledge of horse behaviour to address removal of prerequisite	Not equivalent

Links

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