



Australian Government

ACMEQU425 Provide horse clipping services

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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 clip horses according to agreed client requirements. It also covers the care and maintenance of clipping equipment.

The unit applies to individuals who perform clipping and grooming services for clients. They work autonomously, take responsibility for their own work and apply specialised horse grooming knowledge and skills to provide and communicate solutions for predictable and unpredictable problems.

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

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. Establish client requirements and horse characteristics	1.1 Confirm horse clipping requirements, style and expectations with client 1.2 Clarify information about horse behaviour, previous experience and reaction to clipping, and potential safety risks

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	1.3 Determine need for sedation to carry out clipping, considering health and safety requirements and equine welfare and comfort 1.4 Follow appropriate protocols and relevant state/territory legislation relating to sedation, and advise client to organise with a registered veterinarian, if sedation is assessed as necessary 1.5 Determine a clipping plan, taking into consideration client, horse and safety requirements and, if required, support from an assistant
2. Prepare for horse clipping	2.1 Confirm horse is clean prior to clipping 2.2 Select equipment to meet clip requirements and as an alternative to sedation where appropriate and undertake equipment pre-operational safety checks 2.3 Select safe area for clipping and appropriate horse restraints 2.4 Select and use personal protective equipment appropriate for activity
3. Clip horse	3.1 Approach, handle and restrain horse using safe, low stress techniques according to animal welfare and health and safety requirements 3.2 Plait horse mane or tail as required 3.3 Mark up area to be clipped for partial clips as required 3.4 Accustom horse to clippers prior to commencing, and touch sensitive areas before clipping 3.5 Use appropriate equipment and technique to clip horse coat and specific body areas 3.6 Recognise when horse behaviour indicates a potential safety risk requiring support of an assistant or to discontinue clipping 3.7 Monitor and maintain health and safety for self and others, and horse welfare, during the activity
4. Finalise horse clipping	4.1 Brush, hose or wash horse at completion of clipping to remove loose hair, and apply conditioning products if required 4.2 Care for horse after clipping according to horse needs and workplace practice 4.3 Clean and maintain clipping equipment in a condition appropriate for future use and according to manufacturer instructions 4.4 Clean and tidy work area and dispose of waste, taking into

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	consideration health and safety, environmental and biosecurity requirements 4.5 Hand over horse to client and complete records and transactions

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
Writing	Complete workplace documentation using industry terminology in print-based and/or digital format
Oral communication	Use appropriate tone, pace, and listening and questioning techniques to clarify information
Numeracy	Use mathematical concepts to calculate or estimate time and cost

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMEQU425 Provide horse clipping services	Not applicable	The unit has been created to address a skill or task required by industry that is not covered by an existing unit	Newly created

Links

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