



Australian Government

ACMEQU502 Manage horse health care

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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 covers the skills and knowledge required to establish, implement and evaluate all aspects of a horse health care plan to manage positive health outcomes. The unit applies to all horse classes, ages and uses, and other domestic equines, covering establishments such as training and breeding facilities, riding schools and agistment centres.

The unit applies to individuals, with prior industry or professional experience working with horses, who are responsible for maintaining the health of horses. They work autonomously and apply technical knowledge and skills to provide and communicate solutions for predictable and unpredictable health problems within a horse establishment, including training and overseeing staff.

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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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Establish horse health	1.1 Develop a health care management plan incorporating routine and preventative treatment programs, emergency care and plans

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care management plan	recommended by equine health professionals 1.2 Establish procedures and record-keeping system for monitoring horse health, and infection control and biosecurity requirements 1.3 Develop policy for humane euthanasia and disposal of bodies, according to local government regulations and applicable legislation 1.4 Organise facilities, equipment and preventative treatments required to implement health care 1.5 Train team members in health care, safe work, and infection control and biosecurity procedures
2. Manage routine health care and preventative treatments	2.1 Oversee regular assessment and recording of horse condition and implementation of routine health procedures 2.2 Monitor signs of illness, disease or injury and determine need for veterinary or other equine professional service, and organise as required 2.3 Source required products and implement preventative and/or treatment programs according to veterinary advice 2.4 Monitor implementation of hygiene, infection control and biosecurity procedures for equine establishment 2.5 Apply isolation or quarantine measures, as required, to control identified infectious disease and parasitic infection outbreaks
3. Manage emergency health care	3.1 Identify situations requiring immediate action, and implement emergency health management procedures 3.2 Stabilise, relocate or isolate horse according to health needs, and provide immediate care under veterinarian instructions 3.3 Assess viability of recovery and prognosis for life with veterinarian and relevant personnel, prioritising welfare of animal 3.4 Contribute to decision making, in consultation with veterinarian and relevant personnel, for situations requiring euthanasia 3.5 Manage infectious and zoonotic disease risk and precautions in consultation with veterinarian and team members 3.6 Report notifiable diseases according to workplace procedures and legislative requirements
4. Manage plans recommended by equine	4.1 Confirm visiting equine health professionals follow workplace and biosecurity procedures

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health professionals	4.2 Assist equine health professional with safe examination and agree on health care plan or treatment 4.3 Implement and monitor routine health care and treatments recommended by equine health professional 4.4 Review and coordinate advice provided by multiple equine health professionals, as required 4.5 Record outcomes of recommended health care and treatments according to workplace procedures 4.6 Evaluate health care outcomes and treatments recommended by equine health professional
5. Evaluate equine health care management plan	5.1 Monitor horses during and after health treatment for signs of efficacy of treatments and other health problems 5.2 Review health treatment outcomes and procedures for effective management planning 5.3 Update health care management plan and procedures, as required

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	Interpret key information in technical texts and treatment records related to equine health care
Writing	Record, report and update information logically using appropriate print-based and/or digital formats
Oral communication	Use questioning and active listening during verbal exchanges with relevant personnel to elicit, clarify and convey information
Numeracy	- Measure and calculate volume, quantity, temperature and weight - Calculate financial costs and charges - Calibrate equipment used in health and treatment programs

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMEQU502 Manage horse health care	ACMPHR405 Implement and monitor equine health and welfare strategies	Title changed Code changed to reflect updated EQU sector and AQF level indicator changed from 4 to 5 to reflect revised unit outcomes Changes to Elements and Performance Criteria for clarity Foundation Skills table and Assessment Requirements updated	Not equivalent

Links

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<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>