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# **Assessment Requirements for ACMFAR310 Fit shoes to alleviate moderate faults and defects in equines**

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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 must satisfy all the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual assessed the shoeing needs and selected and fitted shoes on at least two individual equines (or appropriate simulations) exhibiting moderate faults and defects of the foot or lower limb including:

- a roll toe, rocker toe and square toe shoe
- quarter clips.

In carrying out the above, the individual must have:

- observed gait and conformation and examined shoe wear to identify individual equine needs
- used safe handling techniques and monitored safety risks throughout shoe-fitting process
- reported conditions requiring higher-level treatment to other farriers or to veterinarians involved with hoof care
- trimmed and prepared feet
- modified shoes to accommodate multiple variations
- assessed quality of outcomes of fitted shoes
- provided advice on future hoof care requirements
- maintained records of service provided.

### 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 shoeing to alleviate moderate faults and defects in equines:
  - anatomical features of the lower limb and foot of the equine and applicable biomechanical functions

- symptoms and presentation of moderate foot faults and problems
- conformation, normal gait and abnormalities of gait, and how the farrier can alleviate a range of moderate faults and foot problems through shoeing
- effects of trimming on the stance and action of the equine
- limits of safe trimming and why these must not be exceeded
- types of shoes and reasons for use of particular shoes
- key principles of animal welfare legislation as applied to farriery services
- safe work practices, including:
  - identifying hazards and assessing and controlling risks
  - manual handling
  - using personal protective equipment (PPE)
  - safe zones and equine handling techniques.

## Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
  - a workplace or an environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting
- resources, equipment and materials:
  - various compliant and manageable equines, assessed as suitable for the skill and experience of the individual, or appropriate simulations such as equine cadaver legs – with moderate faults and defects of the foot or lower limb
  - measuring and recording tools
  - appropriate tack for equine and activity
  - tools, equipment and materials for modifying and fitting shoes
  - PPE correctly fitted and applicable to fitting shoes for individual.

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.education.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>