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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 of 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 severe faults and defects of the foot or lower limb including:

- straight bar shoe
- heart bar and egg bar shoe
- lateral extension hind shoe.

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 fitting shoes to alleviate severe faults and defects in equines, covering:

- anatomical features of the lower limb and foot of the equine and applicable biomechanical functions
- symptoms and presentation of severe foot faults and problems
- conformation, normal gait and abnormalities of gait and how the farrier can alleviate a range of severe 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 orthopaedic shoes and modifications that may be made to address the needs of an equine exhibiting severe faults and defects
- 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 this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or simulated 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 severe 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 equine.

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>

