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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 planned, selected and fitted appropriate shoes to at least two equines (or suitable simulations) with specific needs, including those exhibiting chronic lameness, exhibiting damage or engaged in particular sporting or working activities.

For each equine this must cover:

- assessing the shoeing and trimming needs
- carrying out a lameness assessment
- discussing shoeing options with clients
- reporting conditions requiring higher-level treatment to other farrier or to veterinarians involved with hoof care
- fabricating or modifying a range of remedial or orthopaedic and therapeutic shoes to assist in the correction or alleviation of a problem, including modern acrylic therapeutic aids, sole packs and hospital plates
- providing advice on future hoof care requirements
- maintaining 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 of special needs farriery techniques, including:
  - 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
  - anatomical features of the lower limb and foot of the equine and applicable biomechanical functions
  - limits of safe trimming and why these must not be exceeded

- relevant legislation and codes of practice and personal responsibilities related to work health and safety and animal welfare
- special requirements of foals and young equines
- types of orthopaedic and therapeutic shoes and modifications that may be made to address the needs of an equine with particular needs
- key principles of animal welfare legislation as applied to farriery services
- safe work practices, including:
  - assessing and controlling risks to equines and handlers
  - safe zones and equine handling techniques
  - safe use of restraints.

## 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 equines with special needs, assessed as suitable to the skill and experience level of the individual, or appropriate simulations such as equine cadaver legs
  - forge and welding facilities
  - equipment, tools and materials needed to make shoes for equines
  - appropriate tack for equine and activity
  - personal protective equipment correctly fitted and applicable to tasks 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>