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# **Assessment Requirements for ACMFAR313**

## **Trim equine hooves**

**Release: 1**

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## Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 2.0.

## 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 has:

- trimmed and provided hoof care to the fore and hind limbs of at least four equines of different ages, and work or discipline requirements
- demonstrated safe handling techniques and position for trimming hooves of each equine.

## 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:

- purpose of trimming equine hooves, including:
  - importance of hoof balancing when trimming
  - effects of trimming on the stance and movement of the equine
  - limits of safe trimming and reasons why these must not be exceeded
- requirements and techniques for trimming barefoot hooves and trimming for shoes and other hoof protection
- how to recognise irregularities in basic equine movement and gaits
- tools and techniques for trimming equine hooves, including for:
  - fore and hind limbs
  - shod and unshod/natural hoof
- importance of tool maintenance and techniques for sharpening tools
- features and variables of hoof care plans, relating to:
  - equine age
  - type of equine
  - work activity and load
  - performance discipline
  - environment and/or diet
- role and effect of products or devices designed to improve foot health
- role of topical hoof care products, including:

- how to use or apply
- their advantages and disadvantages
- restrictions on advice that can be given - avoiding perceptions of diagnostic or treatment advice which must be given by veterinarians
- relevant regulations, codes of practice and workplace procedures relating to handling techniques for trimming, including:
  - workplace health and safety and safe work practices
  - personal protective equipment (PPE)
  - infection control and biosecurity
  - animal welfare principles, practices and ethics.

## Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
  - a workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
  - various live equines to trim hooves including equines of different ages, and work or discipline requirements
  - tools and equipment for trimming
  - PPE 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.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>