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**Assessment Requirements for ACMFAR409
Select and fit shoes for normal healthy
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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:

- determined and selected appropriate shoe, and shaped and fitted pre-manufactured shoes to at least two cadaver fore and hind limbs (total of 4)
- assessed the shoeing needs and fitted shoes to at least two normal, healthy equines, including:
 - observed gait and conformation, and examined shoe and/or hoof wear to identify shoeing need
 - trimmed and prepared individual equine hooves using safe handling techniques
 - selected, shaped and fitted pre-manufactured shoes to meet individual requirements
 - provided information and discussed options on future hoof care requirements of each equine with relevant personnel.

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:

- equine anatomical features relevant to farrier services, including:
 - lower limb and hoof and their basic biomechanical functions
 - conformation, normal gait and abnormalities of gait
 - techniques to alleviate a range of common faults, defects and hoof problems through shoeing
- trimming techniques, including:
 - effects of trimming on the stance and action of an equine
 - limits of safe trimming and why these must not be exceeded
- tools for removing and fitting shoes and trimming hooves
- types of shoes, reasons for use of particular shoes and fitting techniques

- types of orthopaedic shoes and modifications that may be made to address the needs of an equine exhibiting minor faults and defects
- providing advice and referrals
- key principles of animal welfare legislation as applied to farriery services
- safe work practices, including:
 - identifying hazards and assessing and controlling risks when interacting with equines in the workplace
 - manual handling
 - using personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - safe zones and equine handling techniques
 - safe waste handling and disposal.

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:
 - equine fore and hind cadaver limbs
 - various healthy, compliant and manageable equines, assessed as suitable for the skill and experience of the individual
 - measuring and recording tools
 - appropriate tack for horse and/or other equine and activity
 - tools, equipment and materials for modifying and fitting shoes
 - PPE correctly fitted and applicable for 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>