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# **Assessment Requirements for ACMHBR312 Carry out procedures for foaling down mares**

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

There must be evidence that the individual has foaled down at least one mare, including:

- identifying hazards and controlling risks in foaling environment
- preparing foaling environment, materials and resources to industry standards
- carrying out mare husbandry procedures and detecting signs of imminent foaling
- monitoring mare condition and wellbeing
- assisting at foaling in the event of difficulties
- assisting with tying up placenta once mare stands
- detecting abnormalities in foaling behaviour, expulsion of foetus and placenta, and progress of foal immediately after birth
- handling newly born foals safely
- recording and reporting details of mares and foals according to workplace requirements.

### 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 foaling down mares, including:
  - signs of dystocia or malpresentation by timing rate of progress in giving birth and the initial presentation of the foal
  - stages of foaling, including water breaking, expulsion of the foetus, and expulsion of afterbirth
  - scenarios where specialist advice or assistance is needed
  - reasons for undertaking and timing of IgG (immunoglobulin) test on newborn foals
  - features of safe and secure post-foaling environment
- safe work practices:
  - safe and ethical horse handling techniques

- hazard identification and practices for controlling risks in foaling and post-foaling environment
- personal protective equipment (PPE)
- maintaining hygienic and environmentally responsible workplace practices
- workplace recording and reporting requirements.

## 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 mares in-foal and newborn foals assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
  - appropriate tack for horse and activity
  - PPE correctly fitted and applicable to activity for the individual
  - equipment required for foaling down
- specifications:
  - work instructions for carrying out foaling down of mares
  - foaling recording/reporting forms.

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=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>

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