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## Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with the 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 managed the nutritional requirements and feed program for a workplace that includes at least three horses with different dietary requirements, including:

- calculating the nutritional requirements of each horse relevant to its needs
- designing feeding programs for each horse
- preparing feed charts
- designing, monitoring and implementing a feeding program for the workplace, including planning for seasonal availability of pasture
- monitoring the effectiveness of a feeding program for each horse.

## 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:

- anatomy and physiology of the digestive tract of a horse
- how to condition score a horse
- consequences, signs and symptoms of dietary deficiencies
- consequences of over fuelling or feeding
- nutritional requirements of the horse and the role each nutrient plays in the body
- drug testing and rules relevant to equine disciplines
- signs of normal and abnormal gut reactions
- impact of poisoning through chemical control of weeds and digesting weeds
- ways of evaluating the effectiveness of feeding programs.

## 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 horses from at least two classes with different nutritional needs
  - information about different feeds and supplements, or technology to access the information.

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>