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# **Assessment Requirements for ACMPHR302 Maintain health and welfare of performance horses**

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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 of this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has implemented and monitored preventive health strategies including vaccination, parasite control, and dentistry for at least two compliant and manageable performance horses. All activities must be carried out using safe horse handling techniques and procedures, and include:

- handling horse feet and legs
- restraining horses by applying a variety of restraints depending on context of requirement
- conducting a pre-activity risk assessment to identify hazards and assess and control risks
- following work health and safety, animal welfare, biosecurity and environmental requirements
- wearing and using appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)
- using correct technique and location to administer injections
- recognising normal physical and behavioural signs in horses:
  - temperature, pulse and respiration (TPR)
  - condition score
  - lameness
  - signs of internal and external parasites
- administering oral drench
- applying prescribed treatments
- identifying and using basic farriery equipment:
  - recognise the purpose of horse shoes used for performance or remedial purposes
  - remove a loose shoe and perform emergency trim according to workplace procedures or specialist instructions
- identifying dental problems, including common signs and symptoms
- applying stable bandages
- identifying common illnesses, injuries and communicable diseases
- undertaking quarantine procedures and biosecurity measures

- assisting contractors and specialists
- maintaining a horse first aid kit
- keeping accurate workplace records.

## 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:

- documentation requirements regarding vaccination of individual horses
- vaccination requirements of horses
- injection techniques and storage of vaccines
- safe injection sites
- common horse parasites:
  - detection and faecal sampling
  - prevention options for horses
  - symptoms and life cycles of parasites
- basic requirements of animal welfare legislation
- normal dentition and patterns of eruption
- dental disease, mouth conformation and abnormalities
- hoof structure and function
- typical gait abnormalities
- indicators of horse lameness
- horse shoes, including types, reasons for use, fit
- application techniques for stable bandages
- causes, symptoms and treatment of common illnesses, injuries and communicable diseases
- quarantine requirements and biosecurity procedures for infection control
- contents and use of items in a first aid kit
- workplace procedures for maintaining records and reporting information.

## 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:
  - live, compliant and manageable performance horses requiring a range of health and welfare treatments and assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
  - personal protective equipment (PPE) correctly fitted and applicable to activity for the individual
  - tack, materials and equipment for selected health and welfare activities
- specifications:

- workplace performance horse health and welfare procedures and programs
- reporting and recording 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=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>