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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Release 11.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to handle and ride calm horses educated to muster and move livestock. It addresses the potential risks associated with working with and around horses and livestock.

The unit applies to individuals who have experience in riding horses assessed as calm, consistent and obedient. They work under general supervision, with some accountability for their own work, identifying and providing solutions to a limited range of predictable problems.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace, and animal welfare legislation, regulations, standards and guidelines, and sustainability and biosecurity practices.

In addition to legal responsibilities, all units of competency dealing with animals in the AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package have the requirements for animals to be handled humanely to minimise stress and discomfort.

No licensing or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

AHCLSK236 Handle horses safely for stock work

Unit Sector

Livestock (LSK)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Maintain horse health and condition	1.1 Monitor horses for signs of ill health, injury, poor condition or behavioural issues as part of daily routine 1.2 Report horse condition to supervisor 1.3 Administer preventative health treatments or remedial treatments for common ailments safely and humanely under supervision of veterinarian or supervisor 1.4 Carry out hoof cleaning, check for issues or injuries and apply treatments according to safe workplace practices 1.5 Apply workplace biosecurity and sustainability policies and procedures
2. Prepare horses for work	2.1 Discuss work requirements with supervisor and seek clarification where necessary 2.2 Prepare and use equipment according to supervisor instructions and safe working practices 2.3 Identify workplace health and safety hazards, report to supervisor, and implement control measures for working safely with horses 2.4 Select, fit, use and maintain personal protective equipment (PPE) applicable to the task 2.5 Identify horses by sex, colour, markings and brands 2.6 Safely and humanely catch assigned horse, check for health, injury and soundness, and report any issues to supervisor 2.7 Confirm with supervisor that the assigned horse is suitable for required work and own skill level 2.8 Prepare horse for ridden work including a pre-exercise groom 2.9 Check and report faulty or unsafe equipment or PPE to supervisor 2.10 Fit and adjust, for individual horses, the appropriate working gear to manage and control horse for required work
3. Ride horses for stock work	3.1 Select, fit and use riding PPE and report unsafe riding PPE to supervisor 3.2 Lunge or lead out horse safely and humanely to check gear fit and horse behaviour 3.3 Mount horse safely and flex to each side whilst standing quietly 3.4 Safely control the horse at walk, trot and canter prior to beginning stock work

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	3.5 Practise safety drills and safely perform emergency manoeuvres including one-rein stops 3.6 Using safe riding techniques, ride quiet, consistent and obedient horses to carry out basic stock work duties 3.7 Work and safely control horse at a walk, trot and canter as part of stock husbandry routines 3.8 Safely dismount horse 3.9 Report and record stock work activities
4. Provide post-ride care	4.1 Remove gear and groom, wash or clean horse, according to workplace procedures 4.2 Check horse for health, injury and soundness, and report any issues to supervisor 4.3 Water and feed horse according to workplace procedures 4.4 Release horse safely to enclosure, paddock or yard 4.5 Clean and maintain working gear and riding PPE, and store according to supervisor instructions 4.6 Report work outcomes, and faults, wear or damage of working gear and riding PPE to supervisor

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Writing	Record observations about livestock in workplace forms accurately
Oral communication	- Use clear language to report malfunctions, faults, wear or damage to working gear and riding PPE - Respond to questions and clarify information

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current release	Code and title previous release	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCLSK235 Ride educated horses to carry out basic stock work	AHCLSK218 Ride educated horses to carry out basic stock work	Minor changes to application Added new pre-requisite unit Removed previous pre-requisite units and chain of pre-requisites Minor changes to elements and performance criteria Foundation skills updated Assessment requirements updated	Equivalent

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -
<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>