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Modification History

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Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 2.0

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 cared for, ridden and trained at least two different horses for stock work. The following points must be demonstrated for each horse:

- identifying work health and safety hazards and implementing safe work procedures
- selecting and maintaining saddlery and equipment
- handling and preparing horses for riding and livestock work
- using calm and humane handling methods to minimise undue stress and risk to horses, handlers, and livestock according to animal welfare requirements
- developing a working relationship with the horse or horses in own care
- monitoring health and condition of horses, including carrying out basic hoof care and cleaning
- identifying signs of ill health, injury, or poor condition and administering basic treatments
- training horses to:
 - calmly carry out required movements for working stock, including safety movements, stops, turns and rollbacks
 - work and control a mob of livestock as a whole
- riding, controlling and stopping the horse to carry out checking, mustering and moving livestock as part of property operations
- assessing and monitoring horse behaviour during riding activities and taking corrective action if required
- completing post-ride activities including:
 - cleaning, feeding and watering horse
 - checking and maintaining tack
 - completing records as required by workplace.

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:

- common horse colours and markings, gender and other identifying features
- horse movement and behavioural characteristics, and learning theories relevant to stock work
- livestock behaviour and how this is utilised to minimise stress for horse and livestock
- relevant industry standards and practices, and workplace procedures and guidelines for horse riding and riding safety, including lungeing, riding in a yard before riding outside, and one-rein stops
- approaches to horse education for stock work and associated learning theories
- basic care husbandry and management procedures for horses
- common signs of unsoundness, including injury, disease, work stress or other disorders in horses
- basic anatomy and physiology of the horse
- use of horses for workplace operations
- care and maintenance of working gear
- horse conformation and work readiness or level of education
- horse handling and riding techniques
- key requirements of work health and safety and animal welfare regulations, and codes of practice relevant to working and interacting with horses.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions containing livestock handling facilities
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various live, suitably educated, compliant and manageable horses to be trained for stock work and assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
 - livestock to use in training horses
 - appropriate tack for individual, horse and stock work activity
 - personal protective equipment (PPE) correctly fitted and applicable to activity for the individual
- specifications:
 - work instructions and workplace procedures for training, caring for and riding horses for stock work.

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>