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# **AHCLSK372 Train, care for and ride horses for stock work**

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## Modification History

| Release   | Comments                                                                                                                     |
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| 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 train, handle and ride horses to muster, move and separate livestock. It covers caring for horses and equipment, and addresses the potential risks associated with working with and around horses and livestock.

The unit applies to individuals who have experience working in the livestock industry and in riding educated, compliant and manageable horses to muster and check stock on grazing properties. They work under broad direction and take responsibility for their own work.

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

AHCLSK235 Ride educated horses to carry out basic stock work

Note the following chain of pre-requisites that also applies to this unit.

| Unit of competency                                           | Pre-requisite requirement                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| AHCLSK235 Ride educated horses to carry out basic stock work | AHCLSK236 Handle horses safely for stock work |

## Unit Sector

Livestock (LSK)

## Elements and Performance Criteria

| Elements                                  | Performance Criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Elements describe the essential outcomes. | Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 1. Prepare horses for work                | 1.1 Identify hazards and risks and implement safe working practices to manage risks<br>1.2 Select, fit, use and maintain personal protective equipment (PPE) applicable to the task<br>1.3 Select, muster, or bring from paddock, and assess the suitability of the horse for the task<br>1.4 Catch and handle horse safely and humanely according to animal welfare practices<br>1.5 Assess horse for health, injury, soundness and fitness level to ensure it is capable to complete required work<br>1.6 Groom horse prior to exercise or work<br>1.7 Select, check, and maintain working equipment, according to work instructions<br>1.8 Fit working gear to individual horse<br>1.9 Check and report faulty or unsafe equipment or PPE to supervisor                                                                 |
| 2. Train horses for stock work            | 2.1 Assess current level of education of the horse<br>2.2 Train horse to calmly carry out required movements for working stock, including stops, turns and rollbacks<br>2.3 Train horse to work and control a mob of livestock as a whole<br>2.4 Train horse to safely handle a single animal and to return it to the mob safely according to industry practices<br>2.5 Train horse to separate an animal from a mob as instructed and according to industry and animal welfare practices<br>2.6 Train horse to calmly accept a stock whip being used by the rider, if required by the workplace, according to industry and animal welfare practices<br>2.7 Train horse to work with working dogs where required by workplace<br>2.8 Utilise agreed emergency procedures when training horses in required safety movements |
| 3. Ride horses to carry out stock work    | 3.1 Interpret work program to determine work to be undertaken, and confirm with supervisor<br>3.2 Select horses for the task, taking into consideration task                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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|                                                               | <p>requirements and own skill level</p> <p>3.3 Catch and handle horses safely and humanely according to animal welfare practices</p> <p>3.4 Practise and reinforce training of horse while carrying out routine stock work</p> <p>3.5 Take corrective action to re-train horse where necessary</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 4. Provide post-ride care and maintain saddlery and equipment | <p>4.1 Remove gear, and groom, wash or clean horse according to workplace procedures</p> <p>4.2 Assess horse for health, injury and soundness, and administer prescribed equine vaccinations and treatments for common ailments, under supervision of the veterinarian or supervisor</p> <p>4.3 Water and feed horse according to workplace procedures</p> <p>4.4 Release horse safely to enclosure, paddock or yard</p> <p>4.5 Clean and maintain working gear and riding PPE, and store according to workplace procedures</p> <p>4.6 Repair working gear according to industry practices and workplace procedures</p> <p>4.7 Apply workplace sustainability and biosecurity practices</p> |
| 5. Maintain horse health and condition                        | <p>5.1 Monitor horses as a part of daily routines to identify signs of ill health, injury and poor condition</p> <p>5.2 Muster or catch horses in need of attention, and report and record condition according to workplace procedures</p> <p>5.3 Administer prescribed treatments for common ailments, under supervision of the veterinarian or supervisor</p> <p>5.4 Safely check horse legs and feet, clean out feet, and identify lameness and its potential causes</p> <p>5.5 Organise shoeing according to workplace procedures</p>                                                                                                                                                   |

## 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                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Reading            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Identify and interpret workplace documentation to identify relevant and key information about stock work requirements</li></ul>                                 |
| Writing            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Record observations about horses in workplace forms accurately</li></ul>                                                                                        |
| Oral communication | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Use clear language to report malfunctions, faults, wear or damage to working gear and riding PPE</li><li>Respond to questions and clarify information</li></ul> |

## Unit Mapping Information

| Code and title current release                           | Code and title previous release                          | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Equivalence status |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| AHCLSK372 Train, care for and ride horses for stock work | AHCLSK337 Train, care for and ride horses for stock work | Minor changes to application<br>Updated pre-requisite unit added new pre-requisite chain<br>Removed previous chain of pre-requisites<br>Major and minor changes to elements and performance criteria<br>Foundation skills updated<br>Assessment requirements updated | Not equivalent     |

## Links

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