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AHCLSK417 Manage horses for stock work

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Modification History

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1	AHCv1.0	Initial release

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to manage horses for stock work.

This unit applies to livestock managers who use horses for stock work. Managers may also be required to coordinate specialist services from veterinarians and farriers.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, work health and safety, animal welfare and biosecurity legislation and codes of practice and sustainability practices.

This unit applies to individuals who take responsibility for their own work and for the quality of the work of others within known parameters. They use discretion and judgement in the selection, allocation and use of available resources and provide and communicate solutions to a range of predictable and sometimes unpredictable problems.

All units of competency dealing with animals in the AHC Training Package have the requirements for animals to be handled humanely to minimise stress and discomfort.

No occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements are known to apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil.

Unit Sector

Livestock (LSK)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Element	Performance criteria
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Manage horse condition and health	1.1 Develop and implement workplace procedures for maintaining health and welfare of horses in consultation with workplace staff 1.2 Assess, report and document soundness and working condition of horses in the workplace 1.3 Ensure proper selection, use and maintenance of appropriate personal protective equipment 1.4 Identify unsound or unhealthy horses and diagnose or establish reasons for their condition such as seeking veterinary advice where required 1.5 Administer treatment and implement management plan for unsound or unhealthy horses under supervisor or veterinary supervision as required 1.6 Keep proper records of horse identification, treatments administered and management plans
2. Manage nutritional requirements of horses	2.1 Develop and implement feeding plans for horses in the workplace taking into account daily and seasonal factors affecting nutritional requirements 2.2 Provide supplementary feeding programs to workplace horses to ensure they are in optimum physical condition and health for stock work 2.3 Identify potential nutritional problems and take preventative or corrective action through the use or withdrawal of supplementary feeding 2.4 Develop and implement work programs for horses according to their condition and nutritional status
3. Supervise activities and tasks requiring the use of horses of workplace personnel	3.1 Conduct risk assessments for activities and tasks requiring the use of horses, and implement and monitor the measures to control these risks 3.2 Match horses in workplace to personnel by rider ability and suitability for tasks 3.3 Schedule tasks requiring the use of horses and communicate details to appropriate staff 3.4 Coordinate tasks requiring the use of horses and provide supervision to ensure that horses and personnel work within industry and enterprise policies and procedures 3.5 Coordinate breaking in of horses by contractors or staff and provide supervision to ensure that horses and personnel work within industry and enterprise policies and procedures

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	3.6 Provide inexperienced horses with stock training by experienced riders 3.7 Maintain regular communication with workplace staff and contractors to ensure smooth operation 3.8 Monitor outcomes of activities and tasks requiring the use of horses and record in line with enterprise requirements

Foundation Skills

Foundation Skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

Unit Mapping Information

This unit is equivalent to AHCLSK417A Manage horses for stock work

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -
<https://vetnet.education.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>