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Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

AHCLSK212A Ride horses to carry out stock work

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Modification History

Not Applicable

Unit Descriptor

Unit descriptor	This unit covers the process of performing basic horsemanship activities such as riding a horse for the first time and preparing a horse for work using basic methods and procedures and defines the standard required to: prepare horses for work; select and maintain equipment for riding; monitor and anticipate horse behaviour when riding; recognise and report hazards or movement problems for remedial action; care for saddlery and equipment.
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Application of the Unit

Application of the unit	This unit applies to working under routine supervision within organisation guidelines.
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Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not Applicable

Pre-Requisites

Prerequisite units		

Employability Skills Information

Employability skills	This unit contains employability skills.
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Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

Not Applicable

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ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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1. Prepare horses for work	<p>1.1. Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) hazards are continually identified when working with horses, risks are assessed and suitable controls implemented.</p> <p>1.2. Equipment suitable for the work to be undertaken is selected, checked, and maintained if necessary.</p> <p>1.3. Suitable personal protective equipment is selected, used and maintained.</p> <p>1.4. Feeds are mixed and offered in the quality and quantities instructed by the manager.</p> <p>1.5. Horses are groomed before and after work to ensure their coat condition and health are maintained.</p> <p>1.6. Hoof care and cleaning is completed before working the horses, according to the organisations procedures.</p> <p>1.7. Vices of horses are identified and corrective action is taken to maintain control of the horses.</p> <p>1.8. Horse education is carried out in association with stock working routines.</p>
2. Ride horses	<p>2.1. Stock horses suitable for the task and rider ability are identified and selected.</p> <p>2.2. Unhealthy or unsound horses are identified and reported to foreman or manager.</p> <p>2.3. Selected horses are approached, caught and restrained as instructed.</p> <p>2.4. Gear to manage and control the horse for the required work is selected and fitted.</p> <p>2.5. OHS procedures are followed for working with and riding horses.</p> <p>2.6. Horses are handled and restrained safely and within the organisation's and industry guidelines for animal health and welfare.</p> <p>2.7. Livestock are checked, mustered and moved by horseback.</p> <p>2.8. Educated horses are controlled and worked as an integral part of stock husbandry routines.</p> <p>2.9. Horses are handled safely and within the organisations and industry guidelines for animal health and welfare.</p>
3. Care for saddlery and equipment	<p>3.1. Basic working gear to suit the individual horse is selected and fitted.</p> <p>3.2. Working gear is cleaned and checked as a part of regular daily routines.</p>

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	3.3. Working gear is maintained or repaired as required to ensure safe horse working conditions. 3.4. Working gear and saddlery is stored after use in line with organisation policy.

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit.

Required skills

- identify hazards and implement safe operating procedures
- horse handling skills
- ride horses
- complete basic hoof care procedures
- groom horses
- care for saddlery and equipment
- measuring quantities required for feed
- use literacy skills to follow sequenced written instructions and record information accurately and legibly
- use oral communication skills/language competence to fulfil the job role as specified by the organisation including questioning, active listening, asking for clarification and seeking advice from supervisor
- use numeracy skills to estimate, calculate and record routine workplace measures
- use interpersonal skills to relate to people from a range of social, cultural and ethnic backgrounds and with a range of physical and mental abilities.

Required knowledge

- horses and horse husbandry
- horse riding and handling safety when riding
- horse health, behaviour and psychology
- anatomy and physiology of the horse
- care and maintenance of hooves and the lower limbs
- environmental controls and codes of practice applicable to the organisation
- the organisation's livestock production and management plans
- sound management practices and processes to minimise noise, odours and debris from the livestock operations
- relevant legislation and regulations relating to waste and environment management,

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

animal health and welfare

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• relevant OHS legislation, regulations and codes of practice. |
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Evidence Guide

EVIDENCE GUIDE	
The evidence guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge, range statement and the Assessment Guidelines for the Training Package.	
Overview of assessment	
Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit	<p>The evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit must be relevant to workplace operations and satisfy holistically all of the requirements of the performance criteria and required skills and knowledge and include achievement of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prepare horses for work • select and maintain equipment for riding • monitor and anticipate horse behaviour when riding • recognise and report hazards or movement problems for remedial action • care for saddlery and equipment.
Context of and specific resources for assessment	Competency requires the application of work practices under work conditions. Selection and use of resources for some worksites may differ due to the regional or enterprise circumstances.

Range Statement

RANGE STATEMENT	
The range statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole.	
Horses may include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • those suitable for beginning riders and novice handlers, but can be of any type and breed used for riding work.

Unit Sector(s)

Unit sector	Livestock
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Co-requisite units

Co-requisite units		

Competency field

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