



Australian Government

RGRHBR305 Handle young horses

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with RGR Racing and Breeding Training Package Version 3.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to handle young horses in order to conduct a range of routine tasks, including catching and weaning foals and preparing yearlings for sale.

The unit applies to individuals who work under broad direction and take responsibility for their own work. They complete routine activities and work in a range of known contexts within horse breeding and horse industry environments.

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

Work health and safety and animal welfare legislation relevant to interacting with horses applies to workers in this industry. Requirements vary between industry sectors and state/territory jurisdictions. Users are advised to check with the relevant authority for specific requirements.

Pre-requisite Unit

The prerequisite unit of competency for this unit is:

- ACMEQU202 Handle horses safely.

Note the following chain of prerequisites that also applies to this unit.

Unit of competency	Prerequisite requirement
ACMEQU202 Handle horses safely	ACMEQU205 Apply knowledge of horse behaviour

Unit Sector

Horse Breeding (HBR)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Prepare for work with young horses	1.1 Interpret and clarify work instructions and workplace procedures for handling young horses 1.2 Identify hazards and risks associated with catching and handling young horses, and implement control measures to minimise 1.3 Assemble gear, and check gear and facilities for safe use 1.4 Select and correctly fit personal protective equipment (PPE) appropriate for activities 1.5 Ensure records relating to young horses are updated regularly and accurately according to workplace requirements
2. Catch and handle foals	2.1 Catch foals of various ages using safe and ethical horse handling techniques 2.2 Restrain foals for routine health and husbandry procedures according to workplace practices
3. Assist with weaning foals	3.1 Identify suitable facilities for the safe handling, training and weaning of foals 3.2 Fit foals with a halter or head collar 3.3 Lead weanling foals 3.4 Handle weanling foal legs and pick up feet
4. Perform routine tasks preparing and presenting yearlings for sale	4.1 Carry out routine daily checks of yearlings according to workplace procedures 4.2 Lead yearlings for exercise and presentation 4.3 Exercise yearlings according to individual requirements 4.4 Shampoo, groom and trim yearlings in safe facility 4.5 Fit head collars, bridles, bits, rugs and safety gear

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
Navigate the world of work	Follow work health and safety, safe horse handling and animal welfare requirements associated with own role and area of work with young horses
Get the work done	- Plan and sequence tasks, prioritising activities to achieve work outcomes for handling young horses - Use workplace technology, tools and/or systems to complete records and reports

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
RGRHBR305 Handle young horses	ACMHBR307 Handle young horses	Code changed to reflect appropriate industry sector usage Minor changes and new PC1.4 for clarity Removal of points duplicating performance criteria in performance evidence	Equivalent unit

Links

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