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# **SISOEQU003 Ride horses on tracked trail rides**

**Release: 2**

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## Modification History

Unit Release 2. No change to unit content from Release 1; mapping updated for accuracy.

## Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to ride horses on basic trail rides along tracked areas with reasonably level terrain, no steep ascents, descents or gullies and some known simple terrain hazards.

These personal riding skills are required by support staff, guides and trail bosses to lead participants on basic trail rides offered by outdoor recreation operators.

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

## Pre-requisite Unit

SISOEQU001 Handle horses

SISOEQU002 Ride horses using fundamental skills

## Competency Field

Equine

## Unit Sector

Outdoor Recreation

## Elements and Performance Criteria

### ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes

1. Select and prepare tack, horse and personal equipment.

### PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.

1.1. Confirm activity safety and emergency response procedures to ensure compliance during horse handling and riding activities.

1.2. Assess horse and select to match own skill level and riding conditions.

1.3. Check condition of horse, confirm soundness and groom before fitting tack.

1.4. Select tack and personal equipment to match riding

- conditions, and check it is in safe working condition.
- 1.5. Fit and adjust tack and personal equipment to self and horse to ensure comfort and safety.
2. Ride horses in tracked trail ride environments.
- 2.1. Mount and dismount horse safely in tracked trail ride environments without assistance according to organisational safety procedures.
- 2.2. Interpret behavioural signals, use positive body language and aids to direct, communicate with and control horse.
- 2.3. Use appropriate posture for horse riding, and safely and effectively handle the horse in a range of movements.
- 2.4. Establish and maintain an appropriate rhythm and pace.
- 2.5. Maintain safe zones and communication protocols during group riding activities.
- 2.6. Use practices to minimise impact of horse riding on the environment according to organisational policies and procedures.
3. Negotiate environmental obstacles and inclines.
- 3.1. Choose, and maintain riding position appropriate for negotiating obstacles and grade of incline.
- 3.2. Control horse resistance, line of direction and speed to safely approach, avoid or negotiate obstacles.
- 3.3. Control line of direction and speed of horse using appropriate gait to negotiate ascending and descending inclines of mild grades.

## Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance in this unit, but not explicit in the performance criteria are listed here, along with a brief context statement.

| SKILLS                             | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Reading skills to:                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>interpret detailed familiar organisational policies and procedures which can include those for safety, emergency response and minimal impact to the environment.</li></ul> |
| Oral communication skills to:      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>clearly interact verbally and non-verbally with other riders to maintain a positive and safe riding environment.</li></ul>                                                 |
| Planning and organising skills to: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>manage own timing to complete trail ride within planned timeframes.</li></ul>                                                                                              |

## Unit Mapping Information

No equivalent unit.

## Links

Companion Volume Implementation Guides -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=1ca50016-24d2-4161-a044-d3faa200268b>