



Australian Government

ACM40921 Certificate IV in Equine Care

Release 1

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 5.0.

Qualification Description

This qualification describes the skill and knowledge for work activities undertaken by an equine service provider or skilled worker in an equine establishment who provides specialist technical skills. They may work autonomously as small business operators or as part of a management team in an equine establishment. The job roles covered in this qualification are:

- fitness and performance trainer
- horse educator
- gear fitter and checker
- horse clipper
- head groom/lead stable hand.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, in accordance with state/territory work health and safety, animal welfare and biosecurity codes, regulations and legislation that apply to the workplace.

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

Entry Requirements

Prior to commencing this qualification an individual must:

- have completed the following units of competency (or equivalent):
 - ACMEQU212 Handle horses safely
 - ACMEQU213 Follow safe work practices in equine industries
 - ACMEQU306 Provide routine care for horses

OR

- have relevant equivalent skills and knowledge acquired through participation in the equine industry.

Packaging Rules

To achieve this qualification, competency must be demonstrated in:

- 15 units of competency:
 - 7 core units plus
 - 8 elective units.

The electives are to be chosen as follows:

- at least 1 and up to 2 units from Group A
- up to 7 units from Groups B to F
- up to 2 units from this or any other endorsed training package or accredited course.

Elective units must ensure the integrity of the qualification's Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) alignment and contribute to a valid, industry-supported vocational outcome.

Any combination of electives that meets the packaging rules above can be selected for the award of the *ACM40921 Certificate IV in Equine Care*.

Where appropriate, electives may be packaged to provide a qualification with a specialisation area as follows:

- at least 3 units from Group B electives for the award of the *Certificate IV in Equine Care (Fitness and Performance Training)*
- at least 3 units from Group C electives for the award of the *Certificate IV in Equine Care (Horse Educator)*
- at least 2 units from Group D electives for the award of the *Certificate IV in Equine Care (Gear Fitter and Checker)*
- 1 elective unit from Group E in for the award of the *Certificate IV in Equine Care (Horse Clipper)*.

Where two specialisations are completed, award of the qualification would read (for example), *Certificate IV in Equine Care (Fitness and Performance Training and Horse Education)*.

Core Units

ACMEQU412	Interpret and address horse behaviour and welfare
ACMEQU415	Relate musculoskeletal system to horse conformation and movement
ACMEQU422	Maintain and monitor horse health
ACMINF302	Follow equine biosecurity and infection control procedures
AHCWRK509	Provide specialist advice to clients
BSBINS410	Implement records systems for small business
RGRPSH308	Provide first aid and emergency care for horses or other equines

Elective Units

An asterisk (*) next to the unit code indicates that there are prerequisite requirements which must be met when packaging the qualification. Please refer to the Prerequisite requirements table for details.

Group A Safety involving horses

ACMEQU313*	Work safely in equine workplaces
ACMEQU413	Work safely in providing equine services as a contractor
SISOEQU010	Identify hazards, assess and control safety risks for horse handling and riding activities

Group B Fitness and performance trainer

ACMEQU414	Manage horses to meet sport event requirements
ACMEQU416	Manage presentation of horses for sale or show
ACMEQU418	Select horses based on analysis of pedigree
ACMEQU505	Manage fitness in horses

Group C Horse educator

ACMEQU407	Educate horses in initial handling
ACMEQU408	Educate horses to be ridden
ACMEQU409	Educate horses to be driven
ACMEQU410	Educate pack horses
ACMEQU411	Evaluate horse education methodologies and individual programs
RGRPSH424	Re-educate horses to manage behaviours and/or transition to new purposes
RGRPSH425	Advise on transitioning and rehoming horses

Group D Gear fitter and checker

ACMEQU419	Evaluate saddlery and gear fit for horse and rider combination
ACMEQU420	Fit and adjust bits and bridles
ACMEQU421	Provide saddle fitting and adjustment services

Group E Horse clipper

ACMEQU425*	Provide horse clipping services
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Group F General electives

ACMEQU314*	Provide non-riding exercise to horses
ACMEQU417	Advise on horse nutritional needs
ACMEQU423	Manage selection of horse for handler, rider or driver
ACMEQU424	Evaluate equine service or therapy provision
ACMFAR401	Apply knowledge of equine musculoskeletal system, biomechanics and pathology for effective hoof care
ACMINF401	Oversee site biosecurity and infection controls working with animals
ACMSUS401	Implement and monitor environmentally sustainable work practices
BSBESB404	Market new business ventures
BSBESB405	Manage compliance for small businesses
BSBESB406	Establish operational strategies and procedures for new business ventures
BSBESB407	Manage finances for new business ventures
BSBOPS401	Coordinate business resources
BSBOPS402	Coordinate business operational plans
BSBTEC201	Use business software applications
BSBWHS414	Contribute to WHS risk management

FSKDIG003	Use digital technology for non-routine workplace tasks
HLTAID011	Provide First Aid
HLTAID013	Provide First Aid in remote or isolated site
MSTLG3001	Make a prototype
RGRPSH304	Identify factors that affect racehorse fitness and suitability to race
SISOEQU007*	Instruct horse handling skills
TAEDEL301	Provide work skill instruction

Prerequisite requirements

Unit of competency	Prerequisite requirement
ACMEQU314 Provide non-riding exercise to horse	ACMEQU212 Handle horses safely
ACMEQU313 Work safely in equine workplaces	ACMEQU212 Handle horses safely
ACMEQU425 Provide horse clipping services	ACMEQU212 Handle horses safely
SISOEQU007 Instruct horse handling skills	SISOEQU001 Handle horses SISOEQU010 Identify hazards, assess and control safety risks for horse handling and riding activities

Qualification Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACM40921 Certificate IV in Equine Care	Not applicable	New qualification developed to address an industry need not covered in other qualifications	Newly created

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<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>