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ACM50521 Diploma of Equine Allied Health

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 selected equine allied health providers. The job roles covered in this qualification are:

- equine dental technician
- equine massage therapist.

Equine allied health providers typically work autonomously as small business operators or may work as part of a management team.

Equine allied health providers must work within the legislative and regulatory requirements relevant to animal welfare, biosecurity, veterinary practice, and pharmacy, controlled drugs and use of prohibited substances. The scope of practice for equine service providers varies according to state/territory legislative and regulatory requirements.

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:

- 13 units of competency:
 - 7 core units plus
 - 6 elective units.

Elective units must ensure the integrity of the qualification's Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) alignment and contribute to a valid, industry-supported vocational outcome. Electives are to include one of the two vocational specialisation groupings outlined below.

For the award of the *Diploma of Equine Allied Health (Equine Dental Technician)* select:

- all 4 elective units in Group A
- 2 units from Group C electives or from this or any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course.

For the award of the *Diploma of Equine Allied Health (Equine Massage Therapist)* select:

- all 4 elective units in Group B
- 2 units from Group C electives or from this or any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course.

Core Units

ACMEQU412	Interpret and address horse behaviour and welfare
ACMEQU413	Work safely in providing equine services as a contractor
ACMEQU507	Work within an equine allied health provider framework
ACMEQU508	Relate equine anatomical and physiological features to equine health care requirements
AHCWRK509	Provide specialist advice to clients
BSBESB407	Manage finances for new business ventures
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 Equine dental technician

ACMEQD501	Relate equine masticatory system to oral function, conditions and their health impacts
ACMEQD502	Conduct assessment of equine masticatory system and plan dental treatment

ACMEQD503	Perform equine dental treatment and oral care using appropriate instrumentation
ACMEQU417	Advise on horse nutritional needs

Group B Equine massage therapist

ACMEQU415	Relate musculoskeletal system to horse conformation and movement
ACMEQU509	Conduct assessment for equine massage therapy
ACMEQU510	Provide equine massage therapy services
ACMEQU511	Develop and implement an equine rehabilitation program

Group C General

ACMEQU314*	Provide non-riding exercise to horses
ACMEQU415	Relate musculoskeletal system to horse conformation and movement
ACMEQU417	Advise on horse nutritional needs
ACMEQU419	Evaluate saddlery and gear fit for horse and rider combination
ACMEQU420	Fit and adjust bits and bridles
ACMEQU423	Manage selection of horse for handler, rider or driver
ACMEQU424	Evaluate equine service or therapy provision
ACMEQU505	Manage fitness in horses
AHCBUS516	Develop and review a business plan
AHCWRK504	Assess new industry developments
BSBESB406	Establish operational strategies and procedures for new business ventures
BSBFIN501	Manage budgets and financial plans
BSBLDR523	Lead and manage effective workplace relationships

BSBOPS502	Manage business operational plans
BSBPEF501	Manage personal and professional development
BSBTEC403	Apply digital solutions to work processes
BSBTWK401	Build and maintain business relationships
FSKLRG012	Apply strategies to plan and manage complex workplace tasks
HLTAID011	Provide First Aid

Prerequisite requirements

Unit of competency	Prerequisite requirement
ACMEQU314 Provide non-riding exercises to horse	ACMEQU212 Handle horses safely

Qualification Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACM50521 Diploma of Equine Allied Health	ACM40517 Certificate IV in Equine Dentistry	Title changed AQF level changed to reflect work requirements Core units updated Elective vocational specialisation groups added Elective units added and removed	Not equivalent

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>