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ACMEQD401 Work within an equine dental service provision framework

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Modification History

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Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 1.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to work as an equine dental service provider. It covers the legal requirements and ethical principles and responsibilities and an overview of industry best practice techniques and procedures used in evidenced based equine dentistry.

The unit applies to individuals who work in equine allied health provider fields providing equine dental treatment and other services across various equine industry sectors.

Legislative and regulatory requirements, including work health and safety and animal welfare, apply to the scope of work of equine dental service providers, and vary according to state/territory jurisdictions. Users must check with the relevant regulatory authority before delivery.

NOTE: The terms ‘occupational health and safety’ (OHS) and ‘work health and safety’ (WHS) generally have the same meaning in the workplace. In jurisdictions where the national model WHS legislation has not been implemented, RTOs must contextualise the unit of competency by referring to current OHS legislative requirements.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Equine Dentistry (EQD)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Commit to the principles and practices of equine dentistry	1.1 Develop knowledge of good practice techniques and procedures used in the equine dentistry and allied health provider fields 1.2 Develop, apply and maintain administrative support services including records and charts for all cases 1.3 Identify and comply with animal welfare and work health and safety requirements in conducting equine dental services within professional and personal scope 1.4 Identify and comply with industry standards of practice and codes of conduct 1.5 Comply with national, State or Territory veterinary surgeon or practitioner legislation and regulations 1.6 Develop, document and promote policies and procedures for animal management and environmentally sustainable work practices
2. Develop an industry network	2.1 Identify equine industry health service providers and evaluate options for horse or other equine health care 2.2 Develop a network for sharing of information, collaboration and consultation in the care of equines with other equine industry health service providers 2.3 Refer owners or carers to registered veterinarians or other appropriate service providers when service required is outside scope of practice
3. Represent equine dentistry practices available to the community	3.1 Explain to owners, carers and members of the public the need for and importance of regular equine dental care 3.2 Explain to the public the qualifications of equine dental service providers, their scope of practice and services provided

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
Reading	Interpret dental information provided in equine treatment records and veterinary advice

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Writing	Record dental conditions and treatments accurately and use clear language and accurate terminology in written reports or correspondence
Oral communication	Use industry medical terminology and concepts appropriate for the audience when explaining equine dental conditions and procedures
Navigate the world of work	Take responsibility for complying with and keeping up to date with regulatory requirements, codes of practice, standards and workplace procedures relating to safety, biosecurity and animal welfare
Interact with others	- Build and maintain connections with a range of other health professionals to share information and resources and obtain advice and services - Follow accepted industry practices and protocols for working collaboratively with and conveying information to others
Get the work done	Plan, sequence and prioritise equine dental activities to achieve positive outcomes

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMEQD401 Work within an equine dental service provision framework	ACMEQD401A Work within an equine dental service provision framework	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages. Work placement requirement included.	No equivalent unit

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -

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

Assessment Requirements for ACMEQD401 Work within an equine dental service provision framework

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Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all the elements and performance criteria in this unit. There must be evidence that the individual has worked within an equine dental service provision framework and demonstrated each of the following points:

- complying with work health and safety (WHS) and animal welfare requirements in providing equine dental health care, including:
 - using safe handling techniques and equine restraints safely and humanely
 - fitting and correctly using personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - complying with hygiene and biosecurity requirements
- upholding the ethical principles and responsibilities of equine dental service providers
- developing, applying and maintaining administrative support services including professional records and dental charts
- developing a network of equine industry health service providers
- referring owners or carers to an appropriate registered veterinary practitioner or other qualified service provider in conditions or situations where additional or different services are required
- promoting and explaining the processes and procedures used in modern equine dentistry, using clear and appropriate terminology, to equine owners and others
- performing the activities outlined in the performance criteria of this unit during, and contributing to, an overall period of at least 120 hours of work supervised by supervised by an equine dental service provider who is a dental association member and/or a qualified equine dental service provider and/or is currently commercially active in providing equine dental services.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- range of options available in the management of equine health, therapies and treatments
- overview of the history of equine dental care, techniques and methods

- appropriate industry, anatomical and dental terminology related to equine dental health care
- types of dental encoded systems including modified Triadan number system, symbols and nomenclature
- anatomical nomenclature.
- principles of equine dental service practice, including:
 - accepted preventative practices adopted by the provider or peers to minimise safety hazards and risks
 - maintaining provider, assistant and patient health and hygiene
 - adherence to principles of client confidentiality
 - conducting referral of equines requiring treatment outside the provider's professional and personal scope
 - adherence to relevant code of ethics or code of conduct documents/policies
 - adherence to relevant national, state and territory regulations and guidelines
- role and responsibilities of equine dental service providers, including:
 - veterinary practices and restricted dental practices outlined in relevant restricted acts of veterinary science
 - qualifications of and dental services provided by different practitioners and registered veterinarians
 - professional indemnity and public liability insurance requirements
- relevant state or territory legislation covering the supply, possession and use of restricted and controlled substances
- standards, codes of practice, guidelines and approaches to environmental sustainability relevant to the animal care industry
- key requirements of work health and safety regulations and guidelines relating to:
 - safe work practices
 - purpose and types of PPE
 - risk assessment, control and review
 - safe equine handling techniques
 - proper storage of chemicals and veterinary prescribed medicines
- key requirements of biosecurity and hygiene standards:
 - disinfection and sterilization procedures
 - infection control with respect to exotic, zoonotic and contagious diseases
- key requirements of animal welfare regulations, policies and procedures relevant to the safe, humane and ethical care of equines
- notifiable diseases and quarantine procedures.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:

- a workplace or an environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - administrative support services including records and charts
- specifications:
 - legislation, regulations, codes of practice and standards relevant to equine dentistry or technology needed to access them
- relationships:
 - interactions with owners or carers of horses or other equines
 - interactions with registered veterinarians.

Training and assessment strategies must show evidence of the use of guidance provided in the *Companion Volume: User Guide: Safety in Equine Training*.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

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