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ACMEQU201 Work safely in industries with horses

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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to work safely and sustainably in industry sectors that use horses. It covers knowledge of potential risks when working with and around horses and following industry guidelines and procedures to ensure the welfare and safety of the individual and the horse.

This unit applies to individuals who have no experience, limited experience or no recent experience working with horses. They undertake defined routine activities under supervision with limited responsibility for their own work. Working environments may include stables, paddocks, yards, tracks, exercise arenas and public areas used by various industry sectors that use horses.

No licensing or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication, except for the racing industry, where licensing or registration varies between states and territories. Users working in the racing industry are advised to contact the relevant Principal Racing Authority for advice on current requirements.

Health and safety and animal welfare legislation relevant to interacting with horses applies to workers in this industry. As requirements vary between industry sectors and state/territory jurisdictions, users must check with the relevant authority for specific requirements.

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

The prerequisite unit of competency for this unit is:

- ACMEQU205 Apply knowledge of horse behaviour.

Unit Sector

Equine (EQU)

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. Identify key aspects of the horse industry	1.1 Locate relevant sources of information to develop own knowledge of the horse industry 1.2 Use industry terminology to describe horses and horse-related work 1.3 Identify potential career pathways within the industry
2. Follow work health and safety (WHS) and industry guidelines and procedures	2.1 Interpret and clarify instructions about assigned tasks with supervisor and report safety risks and hazards 2.2 Identify own responsibilities, including boundaries of role, in relation to supervisor instructions 2.3 Identify, assess and take steps to control risks to self, others and the horse when interacting with horses 2.4 Follow safe working practices when working with and around horses, including using correctly fitted personal protective equipment (PPE) appropriate for the activity 2.5 Raise WHS issues with supervisor according to workplace procedures 2.6 Comply with ethical animal welfare practices according to supervisor instructions 2.7 Follow workplace biosecurity practices according to supervisor instructions 2.8 Complete workplace records and documentation according to workplace guidelines
3. Seek opportunities to improve efficiency and reduce environmental hazards	3.1 Identify workplace environmental sustainability and resource efficiency issues 3.2 Identify and report workplace environmental hazards to supervisor 3.3 Follow organisation plans to improve environmental sustainability practices and resource efficiency 3.4 Make suggestions for improvements to workplace practices, environmental sustainability and resource efficiency
4. Use equipment, tools and gear to complete tasks	4.1 Select appropriate equipment, tools and gear according to supervisor instructions

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	4.2 Check equipment, tools and gear and identify their safe use, prior to use 4.3 Use safe manual handling techniques 4.4 Check chemical and medication safety directions prior to use, according to supervisor instructions 4.5 Maintain and store chemicals, medications, equipment, tools and gear according to supervisor instructions and workplace practices

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 key information on product labels and instructions for work tasks
Writing	Enter data and record observations accurately and legibly in workplace documentation
Oral communication	- Use active listening and questioning to clarify and confirm supervisor instructions - Use industry-standard terminology accurately in communications with others
Navigate the world of work	- Follow workplace procedures, including work health and safety and animal welfare requirements, relating to own role and work area - Demonstrate a duty of care to self and others when working with horses
Get the work done	Follow clearly sequenced instructions, plan tasks and assemble resources required to work effectively in the horse industry

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title	Comments	Equivalence
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	previous version		status
ACMEQU201 Work safely in industries with horses	Not applicable	New unit	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 ACMEQU201 Work safely in industries with horses

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Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency in this unit must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria of this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has worked in a horse industry environment around at least three quiet, consistent and obedient horses. Under supervision, the individual must demonstrate each of the following points on at least three occasions:

- following work health and safety (WHS) procedures in the context of own work, and including:
 - carrying out basic hazard and risk assessment and control
 - using personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - using safe manual handling techniques
 - reporting WHS hazards and issues
- using ethical and humane animal welfare practices in the context of own work
- selecting equipment, tools and gear appropriate to the work task
- selecting, applying and/or administering chemicals and medications according to work requirements
- following workplace biosecurity practices in the context of own work
- communicating effectively with supervisor using industry terminology, including raising issues of concern
- accurately completing required workplace records and documentation.

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:

- basic animal welfare principles and responsibilities in the context of own work
- basic WHS responsibilities for a limited range of horse industry occupations
- basic workplace WHS procedures, including emergency procedures
- horse industry biosecurity responsibilities and practices in context of own work

- sources of information to develop own knowledge of the horse industry
- industry terminology to describe horses and horse-related work
- job and occupation pathways in the horse industry
- opportunities to improve efficiencies and reduce environmental hazards in the context of own work
- selection of equipment, tools and gear for a range of tasks
- safety of chemicals and medications in the context of own work
- hazards and risks in the horse industry and accepted procedures for controlling the risks
- manual handling solutions for common activities in the horse industry.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various calm, consistent and obedient horses educated for relevant activity and assessed as suitable for the skill and experience level of the individual
 - tools and equipment for tasks
 - appropriate tack for horse and activity
 - PPE correctly fitted and appropriate for activities for the individual
- specifications:
 - work instructions
- relationships:
 - access to supervisor.

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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