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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.

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 demonstrated riding skills for exercising at least two different well-educated, compliant and manageable horses. The individual must have ridden each horse on at least three different occasions, with and without other horses and riders in the immediate vicinity, during which the individual has:

- selected, correctly fitted and adjusted a range of gear for a specified purpose or activity, including:
 - saddles
 - stirrup irons and safety devices
 - bridle with bit
 - accessory tack
 - saddle cloth
 - boots or bandages
 - other strapping relevant to discipline
- selected and correctly fitted personal protective equipment (PPE)
- controlled the horse under saddle at all times in the following tasks:
 - applying aids to establish and control gait, speed and direction of a horse at walk, trot and canter
 - holding reins for two hands, one hand and bridging techniques
 - increasing and decreasing speed at trot and canter over a minimum distance of 500 metres
 - exercising horse with others at walk, trot and canter whilst maintaining safe riding distance
 - rising on the correct diagonal at trot
 - negotiating at least three poles on the ground at walk and sitting and rising trot
 - maintaining seat at canter over a minimum of 200 metres

- carried a whip or crop and demonstrating how to use the whip or crop to:
 - transfer whip or crop from one hand to the other
 - reinforce leg, seat and hand aids to control direction and speed
- ridden horse singly and in company, maintaining safe riding distances
- used appropriate tactics to adjust horse speed and position to prevent slips and falls:
 - negotiating a range of different ground surfaces and slopes
 - passing obstacles
 - approaching, passing or riding with other horses
- completed horse fitness exercise session instructions and reporting on horse response
- identified the footfalls of each gait when on the ground and mounted
- struck off to canter on the nominated lead from trot.

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:

- purpose, features of fit and use of different items of gear relevant to the particular workplace, from at least two different horse work sectors, including:
 - types and styles of saddles
 - bits and bridles
 - accessory tack for relevant sector or discipline
 - saddlecloths
 - boots and bandages
 - other strapping relevant to discipline
- purpose and correct fit of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- types of horse gaits and variations within gaits for ridden horses
- types of aids and rider position techniques to:
 - control gait, speed and direction of a horse
 - maintain rider position during rising and sitting trot
 - maintain rider position when riding on different surfaces, slopes and ground conditions
- potential hazards in the horse riding environment and risks to horse or rider, including:
 - riding surface and conditions
 - safe distances for riding in the vicinity of other horses
- key features of safe and ethical horse handling techniques
- key features of work health and safety procedures
- basic overview of riding etiquette and protocols for locations or venues used in the relevant sector.

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 well-educated, compliant and manageable horses, assessed as suitable for the experience and riding skill of the individual
 - other riders
 - appropriate tack for individual, horse and activity
 - personal protective equipment (PPE) for the individual, correctly fitted, including riding boots, safety vest and Australian standard or equivalent compliant helmet.

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.

The following specific assessor requirements apply to this unit. The assessor must:

- hold a current, recognised qualification for instructing or coaching horse riding and handling skills (refer to *User Guide* for details), and
- have three years of experience organising groups and responding to different types of riders and horses in order to prevent incidents that could lead to injury of rider or horse.

Links

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