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ACMEQU210 Lunge educated horses

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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 perform basic ground exercising techniques involving lungeing a calm and suitably educated horse. It covers the correct fitting of lungeing equipment, caring for horses pre- and post-exercise, and knowledge of potential safety risks interacting with and lungeing horses.

The unit applies to individuals who have no experience, limited experience or no recent experience working in horse industry sectors. They undertake defined routine activities under supervision with limited responsibility for their own work.

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

Work health and safety and animal welfare legislation relevant to interacting with horses applies to workers in this industry. Requirements vary between industry sectors and state/territory jurisdictions. Users are advised to 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

Prerequisite unit of competency for this unit is:

- ACMEQU202 Handle horses safely.

Note the following chain of prerequisites that also applies to this unit.

Unit of competency	Prerequisite requirement
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ACMEQU202 Handle horses safely

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. Prepare to lunge horse	1.1 Follow supervisor instructions, clarify information and report problems 1.2 Identify and discuss with supervisor potential safety risks in lunging a horse 1.3 Confirm with supervisor lunge exercise schedule 1.4 Select and correctly fit personal protective equipment (PPE) 1.5 Select, check and correctly fit lunge equipment suitable for nominated horse 1.6 Select suitable lunging area and identify and report any hazards or risks to supervisor
2. Lunge a horse	2.1 Identify and monitor horse body language and behaviour prior to starting lunging activity 2.2 Apply basic lunging position as instructed 2.3 Use safe lunging progression in walk, trot and canter in both directions 2.4 Lunge horse according to work program as instructed by supervisor 2.5 Follow horse health and welfare principles during lunging, and cease lunging activity and report problems or abnormalities to supervisor
3. Care for horse after exercise	3.1 Cool horse down after exercise according to supervisor instructions 3.2 Remove, clean and check lunging gear for signs of wear or damage

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	3.3 Report irregularities with horse or gear to supervisor

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
Oral communication	- Use active listening and questioning techniques to clarify and confirm supervisor instructions - Use industry standard terminology to describe and report horse lungeing activities
Navigate the world of work	- Follow workplace procedures, including 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	Assemble gear and tack for task and follow clear, sequenced instructions to lunge horses

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMEQU210 Lunge educated 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 ACMEQU210 Lunge educated 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 lunged at least three calm, consistent and obedient horses that have been educated to lunge, under supervision, including:

- carrying out basic risk assessments when preparing to lunge horses:
 - identifying hazards and risks in horse lunging environment
 - controlling risks within own role and control
- monitoring basic horse health and welfare related to lunge exercise and reporting of abnormalities to supervisor
- selecting and fitting lunge gear to horses as directed
- using and caring for gear and equipment used for lunging, including personal protective equipment (PPE)
- performing pre- and post-exercise lunge procedures according to stable procedures
- using horse lunging techniques, including:
 - single lunge rein
 - lunge whip
- controlling horse during walk, trot and canter in both directions.

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 horse pre- and post-lunge exercise care procedures
- common horse behaviour and management options related to lunging
- risks associated with working with horses on the lunge
- types and indicators of horse injury related to lunging
- horse lunging techniques and equipment
- safe horse handling techniques and zones when lunging.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace riding yard or arena, or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various calm, consistent and obedient horses, educated to lunge and assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
 - appropriate tack for individual, horse and lunging activities
 - correctly fitted PPE applicable to lunging activity for the individual.

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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