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**Release: 1**

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## Modification History

| Release   | Comments                                                                                |
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| Release 1 | This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 3.0. |

## Performance Evidence

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

There must be evidence that the individual has:

- accurately identified four different horses using information accessed from a range of sources
- completed a horse identification form for each of the four horses according to industry and organisational requirements
- maintained a record of incoming and outgoing movement of horses.

## 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:

- reasons for identifying horses, including:
  - verification of ownership
  - breeding programs
  - movement of horses between venues
  - biosecurity, vaccination, and disease identification and treatment
  - sale of horses – including quality assurance and disease control/traceability
  - identifying specific animals in a group or herd of the same species or breed
  - avoiding unnecessary confusion between horses of similar appearance
  - horse assessment and selection
  - reuniting loose, lost, stolen or rescued horses with owners
  - monitoring performance
  - integrity related to equine sporting activities
- key features, characteristics and terminology for identifying horses, including by colour, markings, hair whorls, gender, age and brands

- range of sources of identification information for horses
- permanent identification methods, including: branding, tattooing, microchipping, DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid)
- temporary identification methods, including: photos, stock markers, number tagging
- advantages and limitations of temporary and permanent methods used for horse identification
- animal welfare regulations and humane methods for permanent identification of animals
- organisation procedures, formats, register and/or systems for record keeping.

## 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:
  - a variety of horses
  - access to organisational records and systems to locate information required for performance evidence.

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

## Links

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