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ACMEQU304 Apply horse identification techniques

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Modification History

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

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to accurately identify horses using a range of methods. It covers knowledge of horse physical features, permanent and temporary forms of identification, and industry sources of information on horse identification. It has application in a range of equine sectors and can be customised to identify other large animals or livestock.

The unit applies to individuals who have responsibility for identifying horses as part of their work duties, including rangers and animal rescue responders, and those working on horse properties, transport, equine veterinary facilities, sale yards and racing facilities.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety and animal welfare regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Equine (EQU)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Interpret horse identification	1.1 Identify reasons for and uses of horse identification information 1.2 Identify key features, characteristics and terminology for

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information	identifying horses 1.3 Source industry registers and systems to access horse information for relevant equine sector 1.4 Identify purposes, advantages and limitations of temporary and permanent methods used for horse identification
2. Identify horses accurately	2.1 Search horse for any permanent identifiers, including scanning for microchip, to identify the horse accurately 2.2 Interpret information in temporary forms of identification to assist with horse identification 2.3 Ascertain proof of ownership by matching horse identification and ownership information
3. Record horse identity information	3.1 Record details of horses, including person presenting the horse and point of origin 3.2 Check identification and record movement and destination details of outgoing horses 3.3 Maintain accurate and current horse identification records according to organisational requirements

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 textual information from sources to identify relevant and key information for horse identification recognition
Writing	Use correct and industry-specific terminology to record information and observations
Navigate the world of work	- Comply with explicit workplace procedures and animal welfare principles and codes of practice - Use workplace technology to access information relevant to horse identification

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMEQU304 Apply horse identification techniques	Not applicable	New unit	No equivalent unit

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet -
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Assessment Requirements for ACMEQU304 Apply horse identification techniques

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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.

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