



Australian Government

ACMEQU309 Carry out basic hoof care procedures

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 5.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to check horse hooves and shoes and identify issues that affect hoof health and function. It includes the application of simple hoof treatments and removal of loose or damaged horse shoes. This unit does not replace hoof care advice, services and/or treatments that require a farrier and/or veterinarian.

This unit applies to workers who apply technical knowledge and skills with discretion and judgment to care for horses in a range of environments. They work under broad direction, coordinate activities, solve problems and provide information about the health status of horse hooves to farriers and/or veterinarians.

Commonwealth and state/territory health and safety and animal welfare legislation, regulations and codes of practice relevant to interacting with horses apply to workers in this industry. Requirements vary between industry sectors and jurisdictions.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

ACMEQU212 Handle horses safely

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. Examine horse hooves	1.1 Confirm horse identification and location, and identify hazards and assess and control their risks

	1.2 Select and fit personal protective equipment (PPE) for hoof examination 1.3 Restrain horse using techniques to prevent injury to horse and worker 1.4 Lift horse's feet and check condition of hooves and shoes, using safe and low stress horse handling techniques 1.5 Assess hoof health, injury status and shoe condition, and determine action required, including the need for farrier and veterinary advice and/or treatment
2. Provide hoof care to horse	2.1 Select and prepare basic farriery and hoof care tools, equipment, hoof treatments, bandages and other medications required 2.2 Restrain horse and clean hoof using safe and low stress practices 2.3 Apply hoof care treatment, dressing and medication using appropriate application methods and tools 2.4 Store unused treatment and disposed of waste products according to manufacturer instructions and workplace procedures 2.5 Clean and store equipment used in treating horse hoof 2.6 Monitor horse, maintain treatment records and consult with veterinary if required
3. Perform shoe removal	3.1 Confirm shoe is loose or sprung and needs to be removed to prevent hoof capsule damage, injury or further injury to horse, and it is within scope of responsibility to remove shoe without damaging the hoof 3.2 Prepare basic farriery tools and equipment required 3.3 Check horse restraints and remove loose or sprung shoe, taking care not to damage the hoof, and if required perform trim 3.4 Communicate with owner, farrier and/or veterinarian to arrange shoe replacement and/or treatment required 3.5 Monitor horse and update records according to workplace 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
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Reading	Interpret information available in hoof care programs and hoof care products
Writing	Use industry terminology to complete hoof care records
Numeracy	Calculate and measure quantity, area, volume, weight, temperature, ratio and percentage
Oral communication	Use industry terminology to describe hoof ailments and injuries

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMEQU309 Carry out basic hoof care procedures	ACMHBR302 Carry out basic hoof care procedures	Prerequisite requirements changed Unit sector changed to EQU Major changes to all sections of the unit	Not equivalent

Links

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