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Modification History

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

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:

- prepared at least one consistent and manageable horse for presentation for two separate events that reflect recognised horse breed and/or association requirements

or

- prepared at least two consistent and manageable horses for presentation for one event that reflects recognised horse breed and/or association requirements

or

- prepared at least two horses for a commercial sale event that requires horses to be turned out to meet breed standards.

For each of the presentations, the individual must have:

- confirmed the horse event presentation requirements and competition rules, and planned the tasks required to prepare the horse
- identified at least three hazards, and assessed and controlled associated risks
- selected, checked, fitted, used and maintained gear and equipment, including personal protective equipment (PPE)
- washed, groomed, coat-trimmed and geared-up horse to meet event requirements using safe and low stress horse handling practices, including horse and handler positioning.

In addition to the above, for at least one horse, the individual must have:

- performed a minor trim of horse hair using at least two of the following:
 - scissors
 - small trimming clippers
 - razors

- thinning combs
- blades
- demonstrated horse mane and/or tail techniques to even out the thickness and length of manes and/or tails
- selected and applied shampoos, other grooming products and/or makeup according to coat type and presentation requirements
- checked horse for signs of ill health and injury.

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:

- typical event procedures for two different horse events organised by recognised horse associations
- grooming requirements and techniques for at least two different horse breed standards and related to event or competition requirements
- horse gear requirements and fitting techniques for at least two different horse breed standards and related event or competition requirements
- hazard identification, risk assessment and control for horse washing, grooming and coat trimming
- safe and low stress horse handling techniques, practices and zones for grooming horses
- types and purpose of PPE for grooming horses
- purpose and use of horse grooming tools and products, including:
 - manufacturer instructions, including safety and pre-operational checks
 - cleaning and maintenance requirements
 - potential impact on horse welfare
- handling and removal of waste products related to horse grooming and presentation, including consideration of environmental and legislative requirements
- signs of horse distress during washing and grooming
- potential biosecurity and horse health hazards at competition and sale venues, and ways to minimise their risk
- horse health checks prior to participation in competitions, events or sales, including infectious diseases
- mane styles, including rosette and sewn, and tail braiding or plaiting
- breed standard or competition requirements and techniques for trimming to enhance the basic conformation of the horse, including:
 - thickness and length of manes and tails using manual pulling and thinning blades
 - measure and trim of tail length and fitting of false tail
 - hog manes
 - bridle path and wither
 - jaw line, muzzle, outside ear, leg and feathers
- breed standard or competition requirements and application techniques for:
 - face and/or leg makeup to enhance features and remove stains

- hoof dressings
- quarter marks that enhance horse conformation.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - an equine workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live horses specified in the performance evidence, assessed as suitable for the assessment of this unit and the individual being assessed
 - horse gear, grooming products, tools and equipment suitable for the tasks specified in the performance evidence
 - workplace recording and reporting formats
- specifications:
 - documented presentation requirements or standards for the horse events selected in the performance evidence
 - workplace procedures and instructions for grooming horses for presentation at events.

The *Companion Volume: User Guide: Safety in Equine Training* provides advice and sample templates to assist assessors with the risk assessments that should be undertaken to help ensure the safety of all involved in the assessment.

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>