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Modification History

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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 and cared for at least two different compliant and manageable horses to perform at an event, organised by a recognised horse association.

In preparing and caring for the two horses at the event, the individual must have:

- identified at least three hazards related to horse transport and accommodation at the event, and assessed and controlled their risk
- identified at least three hazards related to horse performance activity at the event, and assessed and controlled their risk
- used safe and low stress horse handling techniques and practices
- prepared each horse to meet event presentation and performance requirements, including:
 - attired horse and rider or driver and/or handler
 - identified and prepared horse gear and equipment required for event or activity
 - groomed and/or strapped to event or activity
 - fitted and adjusted horse gear and equipment according to event rules
 - worn appropriate event attire in a professional manner
- cared for horse during event, including:
 - unloaded horse from transport vehicle upon arrival and secured at event location
 - feeding, watering, and basic welfare and health checks
 - timely removal of event gear and grooming products after event performance
- complied with official instructions and conduct requirements during the event.

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 at least two different horse events organised by recognised horse associations, including horse biosecurity and traceability requirements
- grooming requirements and techniques for at least two different horse breed standards and related competition requirements
- horse gear requirements and fitting techniques for at least two different horse breed standards and related event or competition requirements
- reasons for trimming horses, and considerations affecting what to trim, including:
 - breed and/or event requirements
 - impact on horse health and welfare
 - timing in relation to event preparation and performance
- personal presentation requirements of horse handlers, riders or drivers for at least two horse events organised by recognised horse associations
- key features of animal welfare and legal requirements related to horse handling, transport, accommodation and performance activities at horse events
- key principles of time management related to horse events
- key principles for caring for horses during an event
- key features of formats, rules and regulations for at least the two different horse events organised by recognised horse associations, including:
 - location of event office and how to access the current venue and/or event rules
 - scheduling and activity location/s
 - gear and equipment guidelines
 - prohibited substances, including those occurring in health treatments and feed supplements
 - peak association and/or organisation event requirements
 - venue requirements to clean and tidy area occupied by participants at event
- confidentiality requirements regarding individual horses
- event performance-related health issues, including those related to:
 - tying-up
 - tendon strain
 - fatigue
 - dehydration
 - transport
 - stress
- signs of common horse ailments and injuries
- key features of horse related biosecurity and infection control procedures
- common workplace health and safety requirements and practices related to horse events, including:
 - hazard identification, risk assessment and risk control and reporting
 - key requirements of work health and safety legislation
 - types and purpose of personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - handling horses and working with horses in confined spaces, arenas and public spaces
 - safe storage, handling and disposal of treatments and cleaning agents

- reporting incidents and accidents
- horse handling and restraint equipment used for preparing and presenting horses for events
- animal welfare relating to the safe, humane and ethical care of horses at events.

Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:
 - a horse event setting that involves other horses, or an environment that accurately represents a horse event setting that involves other horses
- 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
 - tools, equipment, products, feed and supplies required for the tasks specified in the performance evidence, including PPE
 - horse gear that meets the requirements of the two events selected in the performance evidence
- specifications:
 - competition or event rules required for the events selected in the performance evidence
 - workplace procedures and instructions for preparing horses for participation in events, including guidelines for the safe handling of horse at competitions or events.
- relationships:
 - rider or driver and/or handler specified in the performance evidence.

The *Companion Volume: User Guide: Safety in Equine Training* provides advice and sample templates to assist assessors with horse and rider matching, including 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>