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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 1.0.

Performance Evidence

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

There must be evidence that the individual evaluated the fit of a range of saddlery and associated equipment on at least three different horses of varying size and shape with different accessory needs, including:

- assessing construction, purpose and suitability of saddlery and equipment for horse, rider and activity
- assessing fit and condition of saddlery and associated equipment and making recommendations on adjustments and maintenance
- using safe work practices around horses and assessing risks to riders, horses and self in relation to saddlery and equipment.

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:

- saddlery and associated equipment, including:
 - range available, including designs, styles, materials and purpose
 - saddlery and associated equipment relevant to different horse activities
- anatomical and physiological structures, features and functions of the horse related to the fit of saddlery and equipment
- safety aspects, including:
 - safety devices, systems and technologies relevant to saddlery and associated equipment
 - rider levels of experience
 - checking and maintaining saddlery and associated equipment
 - risk assessment and control
 - safe horse handling techniques

- safe manual handling, including lifting and storing height of saddles
- personal protective equipment (PPE)
- industry terminology related to saddlery and associated equipment fit and purpose
- recognising correct and incorrectly fitted saddles for horse and rider, including:
 - saddles
 - girths
 - surcingles
 - stirrup leathers
 - stirrup irons
 - horse behaviour relevant to correctly and incorrectly fitted saddlery
 - rider physical signs relevant to correctly and incorrectly fitted saddlery
- correct and incorrectly fitted associated equipment for horse and rider, including:
 - bridles
 - bits
 - breastplates
 - cruppers
 - nosebands
 - horse behaviour relevant to correctly and incorrectly fitted equipment
 - rider physical signs relevant to correctly and incorrectly fitted equipment
- tools and techniques for fitting saddles, bridles, bits, boots and bandages
- methods used to adjust fit of saddlery and associated equipment
- industry or discipline guidelines, requirements or rules for saddlery and associated equipment
- professional saddle-fitting contractors
- key requirements of biosecurity standards and workplace hygiene relating to saddlery and equipment
- key principles and practices of animal welfare relating to use and comfort of saddlery and equipment, and humane and ethical handling of horses.

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 range of saddlery and associated equipment suited to different activities
 - various horses of different breeds and ages fitted with saddlery and equipment to check and adjust assessed as suitable for the skill and experience of the individual.

Training and assessment strategies must show evidence of the use of guidance provided in the *Companion Volume: User Guide: Safety in Equine Training*.

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>