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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 has managed the selection and matching of horses for at least three riders, handlers or drivers, consisting of new or inexperienced, and experienced, capable riders, handlers or drivers, including:

- testing horses through riding, handling and/or driving activities and observations to determine levels of behaviour, reactions and education to categorise them according to workplace assessment ratings and procedures
- assessing new or inexperienced handlers, riders or drivers with quiet, consistent and obedient horses to determine their skill levels and abilities
- allocating handlers, riders or drivers to suitable horses and appropriate activities once assessed
- monitoring suitability of horse and handler, rider and/or driver to workplace activity involving horses, with reference to safety of individual and horse wellbeing
- responding to problems by changing the horse, educating the handlers, riders and/or drivers, and/or changing activities to ensure the safety of participants and 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:

- factors to consider in determining handler, rider or driver skills and experience
- factors to consider in assessment of horse suitability (fit-for-purpose):
 - experience and training
 - temperament and behaviour
 - horse reactivity to normal, abnormal and new situations
- types of mismatch between horse and participant
- potential consequences of inappropriately matched horses and handlers, riders or drivers:

- horses displaying avoidance or dangerous behaviours
- rider, handler or driver loses control of the horse and/or loses confidence
- injuries to rider, handler, driver or horse
- ongoing horse problems and appropriate courses of action, including removal and/or retraining.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
 - safe, controlled environment for practical skills assessment of new and/or inexperienced handler, rider or driver
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various horses to be assessed for suitability
 - appropriate gear and tack for horses for handling, riding or driving assessment
 - personal protective equipment (PPE), correctly fitted and applicable to activity
- relationships:
 - opportunities to assess skills and capabilities of handlers, riders or drivers with varying levels of experience.

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>