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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 established professional practices in equine service provision, including:

- researched compliance requirements relevant to own area of equine service, based on analysis of:
 - current state/territory health and safety legislation and codes of conduct
 - current state/territory biosecurity legislation
 - insurance requirements
- developed checklists, customised to relevant area of service provision and based on research of compliance requirements above, for the following:
 - hazard assessment and risk control measures related to working on a client's property
 - safe work practices interacting with equines
 - practices and equipment for managing hygiene, infection control and biosecurity
 - equine characteristics and behaviour
- safely handled and secured at least ten equines, using low stress handling techniques and restraints, while working in close proximity to undertake an examination or service.

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:

- key features of workplace health and safety legislation and regulations that apply in an equine workplace, including:
 - risk assessment, control and review
 - responsibilities of contractors
 - responsibilities of person in effective control

- concept of due diligence
- safety principles of equine service provision, including:
 - safe work practices
 - preventative practices to minimise hazards and risks
 - maintaining handler and equine health and hygiene
 - purpose and types of personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - storage of chemicals and veterinary prescribed medicines
 - safe manual and material handling
 - emergency response/incident plans, including site plans, processes, roles and responsibilities
- personal health and fitness, including managing emotional health related to working with equines
- equine behaviour and potential safety hazards, including:
 - increased resistance to bridle, saddle or other gear
 - nervousness, being unsettled or being unwilling to perform correctly or consistently
 - bites, kicks, strikes and crushing
- safe equine interactions and handling techniques, including:
 - safety zones for interacting with large animals
 - safe body positioning working in close proximity
 - equine behaviour – herd behaviour and unpredictable reactions
 - safety of others, including bystanders
- key biosecurity, hygiene and environmental requirements, including:
 - disinfection and sterilisation procedures
 - infection control with respect to infectious and zoonotic diseases
 - zoonotic and infectious diseases, including those caused by bacteria, fungi, parasites and viruses
 - notifiable diseases and quarantine or isolation procedures
 - disposal of waste and chemicals
- environmental hazards and sustainability practices relevant to equine workplaces.

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 equines assessed as suitable for the skills and experience of the individual and service provided
 - templates and formats for records and checklists

- equipment required for the tasks specified in the performance evidence, including PPE
- specifications:
 - legislation, regulations, codes of practice and standards relevant to equine service provision in area of expertise.

Two Companion Volumes are available:

- *Companion Volume: User Guide: Equine Allied Health* provides delivery and assessment information tailored for equine allied health practitioners
- *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>