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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to work professionally as an equine service provider. It covers knowledge of relevant state/territory health and safety regulations and requirements. Practical skills cover safe handling and securing of equines while working in close proximity, managing hygiene and biosecurity, managing manual handling and environmental hazards, and maintaining accurate records.

The unit applies to practitioners who provide a range of equine services working as a contractor. They work autonomously and apply in-depth, technical knowledge and skills to provide and communicate solutions for predictable and unpredictable problems within their scope of professional practice.

Commonwealth and state/territory health and safety and animal welfare legislation, regulations and codes of practice relevant to interacting with horses apply to workers in this industry. Requirements vary between industry sectors and jurisdictions.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Equine (EQU)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Investigate and apply safety compliance requirements relating to work as an equine service contractor	1.1 Identify and comply with legislative and code of practice requirements relating to health and safety and working as a contractor for clients conducting equine services 1.2 Investigate and establish insurance requirements relevant to equine service provision 1.3 Identify and comply with legislative requirements relating to animal welfare, biosecurity and environmental sustainability relevant to conducting equine services
2. Establish safe work practices in providing services for clients	2.1 Provide information to client on compliance with health and safety, other relevant legislation and insurances, as required 2.2 Complete site induction and/or review client visitor safety and emergency procedures relevant to service provision 2.3 Assess work area and risks associated with controlled and open spaces, proximity of other animals and environmental conditions 2.4 Assess potential safety hazards and risks for self, others and equines in performing the service 2.5 Confirm personal protective equipment (PPE) and gear required for service are maintained and functional 2.6 Report incidents relating to people and equines, as required 2.7 Respond to emergency situations following established or client procedures, as required 2.8 Provide feedback to client relating to health and safety issues and suggested improvements
3. Handle and secure equines safely in close proximity	3.1 Observe equine behaviour and identify potential behavioural safety risks to practitioner, other handlers and equine 3.2 Establish a safe place to conduct equine service activity 3.3 Use safe, low stress techniques and restraints when handling and securing equines 3.4 Work within equine safety zones and position own body and hands to detect potential equine movement and reactions to handling 3.5 Use examination and palpation techniques suitable for equine body part and service provision 3.6 Recognise situations where sedation is required to manage equine behaviour or to undertake the service for safety and equine welfare

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	3.7 Follow required procedures and relevant state/territory legislation relating to equine sedation, if determined necessary
4. Plan and manage hygiene and biosecurity when carrying out equine service provision	4.1 Devise and apply a hygiene procedure for self, equipment, vehicle and premises, as required 4.2 Select and use PPE that promotes hygiene and infection control appropriate for activity 4.3 Clean, disinfect and/or sterilise equipment appropriate for service activity 4.4 Recognise signs that suggest an infectious equine or zoonotic disease 4.5 Communicate hygiene and biosecurity risks to others, and follow referral and reporting procedures as required
5. Manage personal fitness, manual handling and environmental hazards	5.1 Manage personal fitness and health to undertake work 5.2 Use movement and postures to minimise the risk of injury within work environment and demands of activity 5.3 Modify workplace layout and environment within area of control to minimise manual handling and environmental hazards and risk 5.4 Interpret and follow safe chemical handling, transport and storage according to product label and instructions 5.5 Identify sustainable practices relevant to service provision, and incorporate in own practices 5.6 Dispose of contaminated and biological waste and chemicals safely according to legislation and environmental requirements
6. Maintain records	6.1 Maintain workplace records related to safety, hygiene and biosecurity and environmental sustainability accurately and store in designated location 6.2 Comply with regulatory requirements for reporting notifiable diseases

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Reading	Interpret information in technical texts relating to safety, hygiene and biosecurity and environmental sustainability requirements
Writing	Complete workplace documentation using print-based and/or digital formats
Oral communication	Use questioning and active listening to elicit and convey information appropriate for audience

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMEQU413 Work safely in providing equine services as a contractor	Not applicable	Created to address a skill or task required by industry that is not covered by an existing unit	Newly created

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -
<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>

Assessment Requirements for ACMEQU413 Work safely in providing equine services as a contractor

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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.

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