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Application

This unit of competency covers the skills and knowledge required to plan for and participate in various horse sports and events. It includes complying with rules and regulations; presenting horses according to discipline or sport requirements; undertaking event day duties; participating in industry inquiries, protests or appeals; and managing related documentation and records. Horse events may be categorised in different ways and generally cover a range of horse sport disciplines.

The unit applies to individuals who are responsible for the management of horses competing in recognised equestrian sport events. They work autonomously and provide and communicate solutions for predictable and unpredictable problems related to the sport or event.

Commonwealth and state/territory health and safety and animal welfare legislation relevant to interacting with horses applies 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, except for the racing industry, where requirements vary between states and territories. Users working in the racing industry are advised to contact the relevant Principal Racing Authority for advice on current requirements.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Equine (EQU)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements	Performance Criteria
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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Plan horse sport requirements	1.1 Identify and analyse requirements of horse sport or discipline 1.2 Develop goals for participating in horse sport events 1.3 Determine suitability of horse breeds and nominated horses for sport or discipline 1.4 Plan a strategy to prepare and present horses in relevant sport or discipline event 1.5 Assess health and safety risks associated with horse or event
2. Comply with rules, regulations and responsibilities relevant to horse sport or discipline	2.1 Identify governing structures and relevant rules and regulations for participating in horse sport or discipline 2.2 Identify eligibility and qualifying requirements, and complete entry application for relevant event 2.3 Implement preparations to comply with identified regulations and obligations for both competitors and horses
3. Organise resources and logistics for participating in event	3.1 Organise personnel to assist with event and travel requirements 3.2 Determine presentation requirements for competitors and horses for event 3.3 Select and prepare gear and equipment required for event 3.4 Organise timely and safe transportation of horses according to relevant legislative and code of practice requirements
4. Manage event day requirements	4.1 Confirm schedule and organisational requirements for event activities 4.2 Identify and communicate with relevant event personnel, judges and officials, relevant to event activity 4.3 Follow event day rules and regulations for horses and participants 4.4 Coordinate care of horses before and after event activities 4.5 Comply with sport drug, medication and withholding rules, and present horses for drug testing, if required 4.6 Participate in protests, inquiries and/or appeals, providing required documentation and responses as requested

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 formal documentation relating to event rules and regulations
Writing	Complete application forms clearly and accurately in print and/or digital formats
Oral communication	- Use language and tone appropriate for formal situations and personnel when defending or advocating a position - Use questioning and listening techniques to confirm and clarify understanding
Numeracy	Calculate costs of resource requirements associated with participating in horse sport event

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMEQU414 Manage horses to meet sport event requirements	ACMPHR402 Manage horses to meet performance horse sport requirements	Title changed Unit sector changed to EQU Elements merged Minor updates including reordering to Performance Criteria for clarity Foundation Skills table and Assessment Requirements updated	Equivalent

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 ACMEQU414 Manage horses to meet sport event requirements

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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:

- researched, interpreted and summarised key event rules, regulations and requirements for at least one horse sport or discipline event
- planned and participated in at least two events in one horse sport or discipline, including:
 - organised resources and logistics for each event
 - completed each event complying with specific procedures and rules
 - managed horse health and handled horses safely during and after each event
 - participated in at least one protest, inquiry or appeal for one 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:

- range of key horse sports or disciplines, including:
 - Olympic sports – dressage, show jumping and eventing
 - western style disciplines – working equitation, camp drafting, endurance riding
 - team sports – polocrosse, polo
- horse breeds and performance characteristics relevant to discipline
- criteria for determining horse suitability for specific events, including indicators of fitness, condition, health and injury
- basic principles of sports psychology relevant to horse sporting events
- fundamentals of the concept of social licence to operate
- horse sport event opportunities and considerations for planning, including:
 - timing or schedule
 - location and accessibility
 - cost

- entry, eligibility and/or qualifying requirements
- options for sponsorship or funding
- horse transport options and effect of transport on horse health and welfare
- horse sport or discipline governing bodies, structure and function
- rules, regulations and event requirements for horse sport or discipline, including:
 - eligibility and qualifying requirements
 - horse requirements and breed standards
 - gear, equipment and presentation of horses
 - withholding periods
 - administration of medication
 - presentation and dress standards for competitors
 - roles and functions of officials and judges
 - disciplinary, protest and appeal procedures
- health and safety hazards and controls when interacting with horses, including:
 - use of safe, low stress handling techniques
 - use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - hygiene, infection control and biosecurity
 - zoonotic and infectious diseases, including those caused by bacteria, fungi, parasites and viruses
 - environmental considerations and waste disposal
 - first aid equipment and event first aid station
- key requirements of current codes of practice and legislation relevant to horses, including:
 - animal welfare, including safe, humane and ethical care of horses
 - transportation of horses.

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 conditions in a horse sport event
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live horses that have been assessed as suitable for the experience and skills of the individual in relevant horse sport or discipline
 - appropriate gear and equipment for horse and event activity
 - PPE equipment for rider – correctly fitted and appropriate for activity
 - transport for horses
 - record-keeping formats
- specifications:

- current information on event rules and requirements specific to sport or discipline addressed in performance evidence
- current, relevant guidelines for horse transportation and biosecurity.

The *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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