



Australian Government

ACMEQU503 Manage international opportunities for horses

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Application

This unit of competency covers the skills and knowledge required to manage processes for identifying and participating in international events. It includes assessing feasibility, resource implications, compliance with international regulations, managing transport and accommodation arrangements, and meeting quarantine obligations. It is relevant to a range of horse events and performance disciplines.

The unit applies to individuals who have a broad range of skills and experience working in managerial roles in horse operations. They analyse information, solve routine and at times complex problems and convey information and skills to others.

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

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Evaluate relevant international horse event	1.1 Identify suitable international events, dates and locations for relevant sport, discipline or recreational purpose

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opportunities	1.2 Identify legislative requirements and event rules related to participating in an international horse event 1.3 Research qualifying and entry requirements for international event 1.4 Assess the suitability of individual horses and risks associated with participating in an international event 1.5 Evaluate resources required and costs to participate in international event 1.6 Undertake a cost-benefit analysis for participating in international event
2. Manage resources and logistics for participating in international event	2.1 Research and select international horse travel and insurance supplier, and organise requirements 2.2 Arrange schedules to minimise health, biosecurity and performance risks associated with long-haul transport 2.3 Arrange transport and accommodation for horses and personnel within the destination country 2.4 Determine nutrition, health and welfare issues associated with travel to destination country 2.5 Source industry specialists within the destination country to support activities 2.6 Develop and implement strategies to control risks associated with safe horse handling, biosecurity and international travel
3. Manage international biosecurity requirements	3.1 Research relevant import and export quarantine and biosecurity regulations 3.2 Determine and comply with biosecurity and health management requirements of the destination country 3.3 Arrange pre-export quarantine facilities with relevant authorities 3.4 Organise and manage quarantine and biosecurity arrangements for return of horses
4. Evaluate outcomes of participating in international events	4.1 Complete international event activities and document outcomes and lessons learned 4.2 Evaluate outcomes of international event with relevant personnel 4.3 Determine improvements to planning for future international events

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	• Access and interpret complex textual information in legislation and formal international rules and regulations • Identify key information relevant to international competition in a range of documents
Writing	• Complete forms and documents required for international event and suppliers of services in print-based and/or digital formats
Oral communication	• Participate in verbal exchanges to clarify and confirm information using language appropriate for audience
Numeracy	• Calculate fees and resource costs • Analyse financial data and budget • Prepare timeline and schedule for organising an international event

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMEQU503 Manage international opportunities for horses	ACMPHR404 Manage international opportunities for performance horses	Title changed Code changed to reflect updated EQU sector and AQF level indicator changed from 4 to 5 to reflect revised unit outcomes Elements and Performance Criteria merged and reordered for clarity Foundation Skills table and Assessment Requirements updated	Not 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 ACMEQU503 Manage international opportunities for horses

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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:

- planned, organised and evaluated at least one international event, involving horses, including:
 - researched and evaluated event and legislative requirements
 - completed a cost-benefit analysis of the risks and opportunities of participating internationally
 - organised horses, equipment and gear, accommodation and transportation
 - organised staff travel and accommodation and in-country support personnel
 - implemented strategies to minimise horse health and welfare risks associated with international events and travel
 - organised and complied with import and export quarantine and biosecurity regulations
 - reviewed and evaluated event outcomes contributing to continuous improvement process.

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 international horse events and host countries
- international event ruling bodies, entry and qualifying requirements and regulations and rules
- fundamentals of the concept of social licence to operate
- personnel involved in organising international competitions, including:
 - officials, suppliers, veterinarians, equine health professionals
 - international and in-country transport providers
 - support organisations or individuals located in destination country

- sponsorship or grant funding opportunities offered by commercial or industry bodies, and novel funding sources such as crowdfunding via social media
- insurance and biosecurity, including vaccination requirements covering all aspects of travel for staff and horses
- criteria to determine horse suitability for international competition, including:
 - fitness and condition
 - health
 - vaccination status
 - performance history and results
- resources required to support international competition, including:
 - staffing
 - equipment and gear
 - accommodation for people and horses
 - transport for people and horses
- horse transport options, risks and benefits
- health and welfare issues associated with competing overseas and with long-haul transport
- requirements of import and export quarantine and biosecurity regulations for competing horses
- formats for cost-benefit analysis and business plan, including risk assessment and contingency measures
- key requirements of current codes of practice and legislative requirements relating to horses, for:
 - health and safety, including safe interactions with horses and duty of care of personnel
 - biosecurity and quarantine
 - transportation
 - animal welfare, including safe, humane and ethical care 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 workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - technology to access information and prepare documentation
- specifications:
 - information about horses to be involved in the international competition or event
 - international event schedule, requirements and rules
 - costs and resource requirements
 - current codes of practice and legislative requirements for health and safety, biosecurity and quarantine, animal welfare, and horse transportation

- quarantine and biosecurity requirements for destination countries.

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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