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Modification History

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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 developed, implemented and monitored safe work practices and procedures for a horse establishment, including:

- sourced and interpreted relevant information about health and safety legislative and code of practice requirements
- developed and implemented an equine specific health and safety policy, and associated procedures and forms, for a horse establishment, covering the following:
 - staff induction, skill assessment and training
 - safe and ethical work practices interacting with horses
 - assessment to match the person to horse and the intended activity
 - assessing horse history and suitability for intended activity/use
 - use of personal protective equipment (PPE), safety equipment, manual handling
 - security of horses, property and facilities
 - movement of visitors, horses, other animals (where relevant) and vehicles on property
 - hygiene and infection control
 - first aid, and emergency and incident management
 - methods for maintaining current knowledge of equine industry trends, practices, technology and equipment related to safety
- communicated safety requirements and completed induction documentation for at least two team members and two visitors
- conducted safety and security checks of property facilities on at least two occasions
- monitored safety arrangements for humans and horses over a period of at least three months
- reviewed and evaluated records and made at least two changes to procedures or practices to improve safety.

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 requirements of current codes of practice and legislative requirements relevant to health and safety, including:
 - hazard identification and risk-management processes
 - key principles, uses and components of the hierarchy of control measures, and procedures for applying in the workplace
 - safe interactions with horses
 - concept of due diligence, duty of care and responsibilities of duty holders and person conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU)
- key requirements of current codes of practice and legislative requirements for equine biosecurity and quarantine
- key requirements of current codes of practice and legislative requirements for animal welfare and ethical care of horses, including an overview of the concept of social licence to operate
- methods for maintaining current knowledge of equine industry trends, practices, technology and equipment related to safety, including:
 - subscriptions to sources of industry and safety communications
 - membership of industry association/s
- safe equine work practices covering:
 - staff induction, skill assessment and training
 - safe and ethical work practices interacting with horses
 - matching person to horse and the intended activity
 - assessing horse history and suitability for intended activity/use
 - use of PPE, safety equipment, manual handling
 - security of horses, property and facilities
 - movement of visitors, horses and other animals (where relevant), and vehicles on property
 - hygiene and infection control
 - first aid, and emergency and incident management and natural disasters
- record-keeping forms and systems
- organisational and legislative reporting requirements
- sources of templates, checklists and formats for recording and reporting safety requirements.

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:
 - relevant legislation and codes of practice
 - formats for documenting policies, procedures and forms required for the performance and knowledge evidence
 - PPE appropriate for handler and activity
- specifications:
 - workplace procedures, legislation and codes of practice as specified in the performance evidence
- relationships:
 - team members and external clients required for the performance evidence.

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.

Links

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