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ACMFAR302 Work effectively as a farrier

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Modification History

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Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 1.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to effectively plan and complete daily work activities as a farrier, according to industry guidelines and regulations.

The unit applies to individuals who have a moderate level of experience in handling equines and who use specialised knowledge and technical skills to perform farriery services across different equine industry sectors.

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

Work health and safety and animal welfare legislation relevant to interacting with horses applies to workers in this industry. Requirements vary between industry sectors and state/territory jurisdictions. Users are advised to check with the relevant authority for specific requirements.

NOTE: The terms ‘occupational health and safety’ (OHS) and ‘work health and safety’ (WHS) generally have the same meaning in the workplace. In jurisdictions where the national model WHS legislation has not been implemented, RTOs must contextualise the unit of competency by referring to current OHS legislative requirements.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Farriery (FAR)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Work within industry guidelines, codes of practice and regulations	1.1 Identify standards and codes of practice for employment as a farrier 1.2 Identify the characteristics of equine industries and the relationship between industry sector rules and farriery services 1.3 Identify key industry personnel, their roles and functions 1.4 Comply with duty of care, confidentiality, security and professional standards 1.5 Maintain knowledge of relevant industry codes of practice, including animal welfare and managing risks when interacting with horses and other equines in the workplace
2. Communicate effectively	2.1 Use appropriate communication methods to respond to enquiries and communicate with others 2.2 Use communication technology and appropriate communication techniques to clarify information to implement agreed outcomes or undertake tasks
3. Obtain and document information	3.1 Find and interpret information in relation to the task or enquiry 3.2 Document information, activities, timelines and resource use for tasks
4. Follow work health and safety procedures	4.1 Select and use personal protective equipment according to the type of worksite activities undertaken, and ensure correct procedures for maintenance and storage 4.2 Foster behaviour that contributes to a safe work environment, and report identified hazards 4.3 Check all safety equipment consistent with manufacturer recommendations 4.4 Assess hazards and potential risks to self, others and equines, and take actions to control or report if beyond own control or authority

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 key information in workplace instructions and equine records to determine work requirements
Writing	Use clear language and accurate industry terminology for reporting and completing records
Numeracy	Estimate, calculate and record materials and resource requirements to carry out farriery services
Oral communication	- Use active listening and questioning to clarify and confirm information - Use industry-standard terminology accurately in communications with others
Navigate the world of work	- Follow industry procedures and codes of practice, including safety and animal welfare requirements, relating to own role and work area - Demonstrate a duty of care to self and others when working with equines
Get the work done	- Plan, sequence and prioritise tasks and assemble equipment to complete farriery services, taking safety and risk factors into consideration - Use key features and functions of workplace systems and technology to record and convey information

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMFAR302 Work effectively as a farrier	ACMFAR302A Work effectively as a farrier in the equine industries	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages	Equivalent unit

Links

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Assessment Requirements for ACMFAR302 Work effectively as a farrier

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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 worked effectively as a farrier, under supervision, and demonstrated consistent application of the following points:

- used verbal and written communication strategies to communicate effectively
- completed employment and work-related forms according to requirements
- complied with the rules and regulations applicable to employers and employees, including work health and safety
- performed farriery tasks to industry standards within acceptable timeframes.

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:

- practices and procedures for working effectively as a farrier
- communication skills including:
 - industry terminology for farriery services
 - common equine terminology
 - industry sector communication protocols and rules
- duty of care, confidentiality, security and professional standards
- legislation and regulations related to employment as a farrier:
 - regulations covering farriers in specific equine industries
 - industry sector rules related to farriery services
- maintenance of personal health and fitness
- work health and safety legislative requirements, including:
 - managing risks when interacting with equines in the workplace
 - manual handling

- farriery industry codes of practice, including animal welfare principles and practices relevant to farriery services.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or simulated environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various compliant and manageable equines requiring farriery services, assessed as suitable for the skill and experience of the candidate
 - tools and equipment for tasks, including personal protective equipment (PPE) for the candidate and appropriate tack for the equine
 - workplace technology for communicating with others.

Training and assessment strategies must show evidence of the use of guidance provided in the *Companion Volume: User Guide: Safety in Equine Training*.

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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