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Modification History

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

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 assessed the shoeing needs and fitted shoes to at least two normal, healthy equines, including:

- observing gait and conformation and examining shoe wear to identify individual needs of an equine
- using safe handling techniques and monitoring safety risks throughout shoe fitting process
- trimming and preparing individual equine feet
- selecting, shaping and fitting shoes to meet requirements of individual equines
- discussing and reporting shoeing options with clients, carers, veterinarians or other specialists, including conditions requiring higher-level treatment
- assessing quality of outcome using pre-manufactured shoes, with minor multiple variations
- providing advice on future hoof care requirements
- maintaining records of service provided.

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:

- principles and practices of shoeing equines:
 - anatomical features of the lower limb and foot of an equine and applicable biomechanical functions
 - conformation, normal gait and abnormalities of gait, and how the farrier can alleviate a range of common faults, defects and foot problems through shoeing
 - effects of trimming on the stance and action of an equine
 - limits of safe trimming and why these must not be exceeded

- types of shoes and reasons for use of particular shoes
- types of orthopaedic shoes and modifications that may be made to address the needs of an equine exhibiting minor faults and defects
- key principles of animal welfare legislation as applied to farriery services
- safe work practices, including:
 - identifying hazards and assessing and controlling risks
 - manual handling
 - using personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - safe zones and equine handling techniques.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or an environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various healthy, compliant and manageable equines, assessed as suitable for the skill and experience of the individual or appropriate simulation
 - measuring and recording tools
 - appropriate tack for horse and/or other equine and activity
 - tools, equipment and materials for modifying and fitting horseshoes
 - PPE correctly fitted and applicable for tasks for individual.

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.

Links

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