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ACMFAR313 Trim equine hooves

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Modification History

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Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 2.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to handle equines safely and trim hooves using appropriate techniques and tools.

The unit applies to individuals who trim equine hooves for shoes and/or natural hooves. They take responsibility for their own work and apply knowledge and practical skills to trim equine hooves as part of the hoof care plan.

Workplace 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.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

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Elements and 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. Prepare to trim equine hooves	1.1 Carry out a basic risk assessment of equine behaviour and environmental hazards and take steps to control risks 1.2 Prepare and set up tools and equipment according to workplace requirements 1.3 Identify, fit and use personal protective equipment according to

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	health and safety in the workplace procedures 1.4 Select a safe handling and control method suitable for the individual equine 1.5 Observe and assess equine physique, stance and gait prior to trimming
2. Assess hoof condition	2.1 Adopt a safe working position for self and equine balance and comfort 2.2 Lift, hold and clean equine feet to assess hoof condition 2.3 Remove shoes safely using appropriate tools and methods if equine is shod 2.4 Assess gait, balance of hoof and the wear patterns of the shoes and/or hooves to inform future hoof care plan 2.5 Examine the hoof thoroughly checking for damage, abnormalities, pathologies and foreign objects 2.6 Consider workload levels, environment and diet that impact on equine welfare as part of the hoof care plan
3. Trim equine hooves safely	3.1 Select appropriate trimming technique for individual equine 3.2 Use appropriate tools and technique to trim fore and hind hooves 3.3 Trim hooves within limits of safe trimming margins, according to hoof care plan and industry standards 3.4 Apply hoof treatment medication or products, according to the hoof care plan or veterinarian instructions 3.5 Recognise conditions that require referral to a registered veterinarian
4. Carry out post-hoof trimming activities	4.1 Review finished work against hoof care plan 4.2 Review gait and discuss any changes to initial assessment with equine owner or carer 4.3 Ensure working area is tidy and free of hazards and tools are cleaned and stored safely according to workplace standards 4.4 Finalise business transactions and discuss need for any future visits with client

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
Oral communication	• Use questioning and active listening techniques to participate in conversations with equine owners or carers providing clear and firm advice relating to equine hoof care plan, health and welfare
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 duty of care to self and others when interacting with equines
Get the work done	• Plan, organise and sequence tasks, and assemble tools to carry out trimming taking safety and risk factors into consideration • Assess equine hoof condition and deal with contingencies relating to trimming equine hooves

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMFAR313 Trim equine hooves	Not applicable	New unit	No equivalent unit

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -
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Assessment Requirements for ACMFAR313 Trim equine hooves

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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:

- trimmed and provided hoof care to the fore and hind limbs of at least four equines of different ages, and work or discipline requirements
- demonstrated safe handling techniques and position for trimming hooves of each equine.

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:

- purpose of trimming equine hooves, including:
 - importance of hoof balancing when trimming
 - effects of trimming on the stance and movement of the equine
 - limits of safe trimming and reasons why these must not be exceeded
- requirements and techniques for trimming barefoot hooves and trimming for shoes and other hoof protection
- how to recognise irregularities in basic equine movement and gaits
- tools and techniques for trimming equine hooves, including for:
 - fore and hind limbs
 - shod and unshod/natural hoof
- importance of tool maintenance and techniques for sharpening tools
- features and variables of hoof care plans, relating to:
 - equine age
 - type of equine
 - work activity and load
 - performance discipline
 - environment and/or diet
- role and effect of products or devices designed to improve foot health
- role of topical hoof care products, including:

- how to use or apply
- their advantages and disadvantages
- restrictions on advice that can be given - avoiding perceptions of diagnostic or treatment advice which must be given by veterinarians
- relevant regulations, codes of practice and workplace procedures relating to handling techniques for trimming, including:
 - workplace health and safety and safe work practices
 - personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - infection control and biosecurity
 - animal welfare principles, practices and ethics.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various live equines to trim hooves including equines of different ages, and work or discipline requirements
 - tools and equipment for trimming
 - PPE correctly fitted and applicable to 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.

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