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Modification History

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

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 needs and fitted boots to at least four equines, including:

- trimmed and prepared individual equine feet using safe handling techniques throughout trimming and hoof boot fitting process
- selected and fitted boots to meet requirements of individual equines and assessed quality of outcome
- recorded measurements and specifications in workplace documentation
- demonstrated fitting of boots and instructed clients or carers on how to adjust and care for boots.

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:

- equine anatomical features relevant to hoof care services, including:
 - lower limb and foot and applicable biomechanical functions
 - conformation, normal gait and abnormalities of gait
 - techniques to alleviate a range of common abnormalities, defects and foot problems through fitting hoof boots
- key features and impact of common equine hoof injuries and pathologies
- types, features and purpose of a range of hoof boots and associated products
- trimming techniques, including:
 - effects of trimming on the stance and action of an equine
 - limits of safe trimming and why these must not be exceeded
- types of equipment for removing shoes, trimming hooves and fitting and securing boots
- types and purpose of hoof boots and fitting techniques, including addressing the needs of an equine exhibiting minor faults and defects

- processes and protocols for providing referrals
- key principles of animal welfare regulations relating to hoof care services
- safe work practices, including:
 - identifying hazards and assessing and controlling risks when interacting with equines in the workplace
 - manual handling
 - using personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - safe zones and equine handling techniques
 - safe waste handling and disposal.

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 compliant and manageable equines, assessed as suitable for the skill and experience of the individual
 - measuring and recording tools
 - appropriate tack for equine and activity
 - tools, equipment and materials for fitting hoof boots and associated products
 - 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.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>