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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 safely remove and replace standard equine shoes as a contingency or emergency measure in situations where a farrier is not accessible and equine welfare is an issue.

The unit applies to livestock and agricultural workers, typically in regional or remote areas, who use horses or other equines for work and are required to carry out basic hoof care as part of their job role.

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 occupational licensing or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Farriery (FAR)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Prepare to remove and replace equine shoes	1.1 Approach and handle the equine calmly and in a manner that reduces stress and alarm, and minimises risk to handlers and the equine

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	1.2 Apply safe work practices and identify, fit and use personal protective equipment according to health and safety in the workplace procedures 1.3 Prepare and organise appropriate tools and materials for removing and replacing shoes 1.4 Adopt a working position that maintains safety and comfort for self, other handlers and equine 1.5 Lift equine fore and/or hind limbs safely and examine hooves and shoes to determine requirements
2. Remove equine shoes	2.1 Remove shoes safely using appropriate tools and methods, taking care to minimise damage to the hoof during removal 2.2 Examine the hoof, checking for foreign objects and damage, and clean hoof of debris 2.3 Examine the shoe and hoof wear pattern to determine the need for trimming or farriery services 2.4 Report any conditions requiring treatment by a farrier and/or veterinarian to ensure equine welfare
3. Replace shoes and finish process	3.1 Select suitable shoes, tools and appropriate size nails for attaching shoes 3.2 Attach shoe safely, securely and in the correct position according to equine requirements 3.3 Check correct fit of shoe and equine comfort by inspecting the shoe with hooves on and off the ground 3.4 Identify any signs of discomfort or lameness by walking and/or trotting the equine on firm ground in a safe manner 3.5 Advise relevant personnel of need to contact a farrier and/or veterinarian to address any signs of equine discomfort or lameness

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
Numeracy	Use measuring devices and take measurements accurately
Navigate the world of work	Take responsibility for adherence to workplace health and safety, animal welfare and infection control requirements, relating to own role and work area
Interact with others	Follow accepted communication practices and protocols for reporting information to others using equine industry terminology and concepts suitable for audience
Get the work done	Plan, sequence and prioritise tasks and assemble equipment to remove and replace equine shoes

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMFAR317 Replace equine shoes as an emergency measure	Not applicable	New unit	No equivalent unit

Links

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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:

- prepared, removed and replaced shoes safely on the fore and hind limbs of at least two normal, healthy equines
- notified relevant person of any conditions requiring further follow up with a farrier, veterinarian or other equine professional to ensure equine welfare.

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:

- safe equine handling techniques, safe zones and working limits of equine limbs and feet
- reading equine behaviour, including fearful or distressed behaviour and body language
- tools for removing and fitting shoes
- methods of shoe removal relevant to the need, including:
 - precautions to be taken to prevent injury to equine hooves during removal and fitting of shoes
- types of shoes, reasons for use of particular shoes and fitting techniques
- process for referrals to farriers, and/or veterinarians or other equine specialists
- equine services that must be referred to or provided by veterinarians
- key principles of animal welfare relevant to role and work
- safe work practices, including:
 - identifying hazards and assessing and controlling risks when interacting with equines in the workplace
 - manual handling
 - appropriate body posture for task
 - using personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - 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 healthy, compliant and manageable equines, assessed as suitable for the skill and experience of the individual
 - appropriate tack for horse and/or other equine and activity
 - tools, equipment and materials for removing and fitting shoes
 - 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.

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