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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 safely handled at least three compliant and manageable equines, including:

- identified and assessed equine behaviour and level of education before commencing services
- identified, caught and controlled equines in a safe and humane manner
- handled equines safely and humanely while performing farriery or hoof care services
- followed safe work practices for interacting with equines.

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:

- features to identify equines including colour, sex and brands
- common equine behaviour and social traits, including:
 - behaviours that indicate an equine's level of education
 - how to read horse body language and facial features
 - signs of nervousness or fear
- factors that might influence a range of equine behaviours
- situations where equine behaviour may cause harm to handlers, including:
 - leading through or working in restricted spaces
 - proximity to other equines
 - environmental conditions
- basic features of how equines learn, including:
 - cues
 - repetition and reward
 - exposure to new situations and activities

- types and purpose of different items of handling equipment including personal protective equipment
- safe equine handling and communication techniques, including:
 - techniques for encouraging compliant behaviour
 - techniques for handling non-compliant behaviours including equine leaning or yanking leg away
- safe work practices and zones related to farriery or hoof care services, including:
 - manual handling
 - using personal protective equipment (PPE)
- animal welfare principles and practices relevant to farriery or hoof care services.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various compliant and manageable equines assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
 - gear and equipment for activity, including appropriate equine tack
 - PPE applicable for activity, for the 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>