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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 identify and assess equine behaviour and catch and control equines for farriery or hoof care work.

The unit applies to individuals who are required to handle equines and use technical knowledge and skills to perform farriery or hoof care services across different equine industry sectors.

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

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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. Assess equine behaviours and level of education before	1.1 Assess hazards in the environment and potential risks to self, others and the equine, and take steps to minimise 1.2 Identify and respond to equine behaviour using knowledge of

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handling	horse behaviour, senses, and equine communication methods 1.3 Determine the level of education of the equine 1.4 Observe equine to identify factors that cause the equine's behaviour to change 1.5 Proceed with services after considering equine behaviour and level of education and environment
2. Identify, catch and control an equine	2.1 Identify and isolate the equine using safe handling techniques 2.2 Use gear for catching, handling and controlling equines including personal protective equipment 2.3 Create and maintain a calm and reassuring climate for the equine following animal welfare principles 2.4 Catch, handle, and control the equine safely
3. Control an equine during farrier or hoof care service	3.1 Select appropriate equipment or methods to safely control the equine 3.2 Take evasive or humane corrective action to avoid personal danger 3.3 Warn others of risk when any adverse reaction from an equine is anticipated 3.4 Adopt positions and posture to avoid injury and fatigue 3.5 Take steps to shape equine behaviour to respond compliantly when handled

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
Navigate the world of work	Follow workplace procedures, including workplace health and safety, and animal welfare requirements, relating to own role and work area
Interact with others	Work cooperatively with others using clear communication techniques to support achievement of work outcomes

Skill	Description
Get the work done	- Assemble resources and follow clearly defined practices to approach, catch, lead and handle equines safely - Make decisions about safety risks and take action to control risks within own work area or role

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMFAR319 Handle equines safely during farriery or hoof care services	ACMFAR301 Handle equines safely during farriery services	Minor edits and additions to performance criteria and knowledge evidence for clarity. Minor change to title.	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 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.

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