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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 the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has:

- assessed shoeing needs to meet requirements of individual equines
- trimmed and prepared hooves and fitted (fore and hind) shoes to at least one live equine and one set of cadaver legs displaying moderate abnormalities and defects
- handmade the following shoes for an equine exhibiting moderate abnormalities or defects of the hoof:
 - bar shoe
 - lateral extension
- modified at least two of the following manufactured shoes for an equine exhibiting moderate abnormalities or defects of the hoof:
 - onion heeled shoe with appropriate stack
 - rolled toe
 - rocker toe
 - square toe shoe
 - quarter clips
- provided information and discussed options on hoof care treatments for at least two equines displaying moderate abnormalities and defects, with two clients and/or veterinarians
- maintained records of service provided.

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 farrier services, including:
 - lower limb and hoof and their basic biomechanical functions

- conformation, normal gait and abnormalities of gait
- symptoms and presentation of moderate hoof conditions and problems, including:
 - interferences to movement of the hoof in flight
 - moderate cases of sheered heels, sidebone, ringbone, seedy toe
 - hoof deformities
- techniques to alleviate a range of moderate faults, defects and hoof problems through shoeing
- 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 shoes, reasons for use of particular shoes and fitting techniques
- types and purpose of orthopaedic shoes and modifications that may be made to address the needs of an equine exhibiting moderate faults and defects, including:
 - square toe for hind over reaching and forging
 - rolled toe shoes to ease and assist break over
 - quarter clips to assist shoe stabilisation, heavy work routines and turning and twisting
- referrals to veterinarians and/or other equine specialists
- restrictions on advice that can be given and avoiding perceptions of diagnostic or treatment advice which must be given by veterinarians
- key principles of animal welfare legislation as applied to farriery 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
 - hygiene, cleaning and infection control
 - 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, or appropriate simulations such as equine cadaver legs – with moderate faults and defects of the hoof or lower limb
 - measuring and recording tools
 - appropriate gear for equine and activity

- tools, equipment and materials for making and/or modifying and fitting shoes
- PPE correctly fitted and applicable to fitting shoes for individual
- relationships:
 - real clients and/or veterinarians or realistic scenarios or role play.

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>