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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to respond to emergencies across a broad spectrum of situations and incidents, and to apply first aid to equines.

The unit applies to individuals who work in equine industries where it may be necessary to recognise and respond to emergencies and to apply first aid equines.

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

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Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Prepare for emergency situations	1.1 Perform regular checks of the workplace to identify hazards and assess and control risks 1.2 Take action to maximise safety and control health hazards and

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	risks in the workplace 1.3 Identify and evaluate options for action in case of emergency situations 1.4 Interpret and be prepared to carry out workplace emergency procedures when required 1.5 Apply workplace health and safety procedures and safe work practices to the selection of personal protective equipment to suit the emergency situation 1.6 Store and maintain safety equipment and aids for emergencies according to workplace procedures 1.7 Report or document near misses and hazards according to workplace procedures
2. Implement fire protection and control on-site and in the workshop	2.1 Minimise fire hazards in the workplace as specified in hazardous fuelling procedures 2.2 Identify appropriate fire extinguishers and firefighting equipment for use in fire situations, and notify authorities according to workplace procedures 2.3 Follow evacuation procedures and assemble at nominated assembly points during fire drills 2.4 Carry out specific safety procedures for handling and use of industrial gases
3. Evaluate the emergency	3.1 Identify and assess emergency situations and potential emergency situations 3.2 Prioritise emergency needs promptly and accurately, including need for assistance 3.3 Monitor and evaluate the possible development of the emergency and further potential hazards 3.4 Seek advice from relevant people while monitoring and/or evaluating the emergency to reduce further potential hazards
4. Act in an emergency	4.1 Implement the plan of action using techniques appropriate to the situation, available resources and abilities 4.2 Establish and implement strategies for group control, prioritising the safety of people and the removal of animals from danger 4.3 Operate equipment safely and, where necessary, improvise

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	equipment and techniques 4.4 Monitor the condition of all personnel and animals 4.5 Change the plan of action to accommodate changes in situational variables 4.6 Acquire and document information to assist emergency services 4.7 Notify emergency services according to emergency procedures 4.8 Demonstrate casualty evacuation methods as relevant to the context 4.9 Implement organisation procedures and policies in the event of a major injury or death
5. Deal with equine first aid situations	5.1 Minimise immediate health and safety risk to self, others and the equine by isolating the hazard 5.2 Make a basic assessment of the equine's injuries and vital signs, and need for first aid assistance 5.3 Control and calm equine using available resources 5.4 Seek first aid assistance from others according to emergency procedures
6. Apply essential equine first aid techniques	6.1 Recognise and report signs of common equine illnesses or diseases 6.2 Recognise and report indicators of abnormal system function and vital signs of equines 6.3 Calm and restrain equine prior to first aid assessment using safe handling techniques 6.4 Follow first aid policy and procedures with respect to obligations of owners, regulations and duty of care 6.5 Apply principles of first aid procedures relating to injury or accident 6.6 Follow and contribute to a policy and system of referral of injury treatment and emergency care

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
Reading	Interpret key requirements in organisational policies and procedures, including safety and emergency procedures
Writing	Use clear language and accurate industry terminology for reporting and keeping records of incidents
Oral communication	Use tone and clear instructions appropriate for situation to avoid further escalation of risk or incidents
Navigate the world of work	Know emergency and first aid procedures and requirements, taking responsibility for implementing within own role and work area
Interact with others	Work collaboratively with others to deal with contingency and emergency situations
Get the work done	Anticipate equine behaviour and less-predictable problems; initiate standard procedures in response, and apply problem-solving process in determining a solution

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMFAR407 Respond to emergencies and apply first aid to equines	ACMFAR304 Respond to emergencies and apply first aid	Coding of unit changed to reflect indicative AQF level 4. Title changed and minor edits to performance criteria for clarity of scope of activity.	Equivalent unit

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>

Assessment Requirements for ACMFAR407 Respond to emergencies and apply first aid to equines

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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 responded to emergencies and applied equine first aid, including:

- evaluated, prepared for, and responded to at least three emergency events
- implemented fire prevention and control measures on-site and in a workshop
- on at least three occasions applied basic first aid techniques to equines, or demonstrated appropriate responses to equine first aid simulations, including bandaging to restrict bleeding or bandaging to support an injured equine leg.
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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:

- workplace health and safety requirements, including:
 - managing risks when interacting with equines in the workplace
 - safe horse handling techniques
 - manual handling
 - use of fire and working with gas
 - use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - safe waste handling and disposal
 - workplace emergency plan and evacuation procedures
- fire protection and control, including:
 - types of fires and how to respond
 - procedures for contacting fire authorities or emergency services
 - types of fire extinguishers and firefighting equipment
 - evacuation procedures and nominated assembly points
- types of first aid situations involving equines, including:

- common equine illnesses and diseases
- common injuries and accidents
- factors influencing a range of equine behaviours in an emergency or first aid situation
- responding to equine first aid situations, including:
 - vital signs and warning signs in equines
 - safe equine handling practices
 - items of handling gear and appropriate personal protective equipment
 - basic equine first aid procedures
- workplace policies and procedures to deal with an accident or incident
- key animal welfare principles applicable to first aid and emergency incidents.
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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:
 - emergency situation scenarios or role-plays, and related equipment and materials
 - various compliant and manageable equines assessed as suitable for the level of skill and experience of the individual to apply first aid treatment or realistic simulation methods to address dealing with first aid situations
 - equipment and materials to respond to first aid requirements of equines, including PPE 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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