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Assessment Requirements for ACMHBR308 Maintain horses in a healthy state

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 1.0.

Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency in this unit must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria of this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has maintained a clean and safe environment for at least two different horses, including:

- maintaining a clean and safe horse environment
- organising, conducting and maintaining a program of regular health and injury checks, including:
 - teeth
 - hoof care and shoeing
 - vaccination
 - parasitic infections
 - communicable diseases
- supporting others in handling and providing treatment to horses, in consultation with supervisor.

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 horse handling techniques and use of restraints
- common horse behaviour, social traits and vices
- horse hygiene practices and housing requirements
- situations when assistance by veterinarians is required to carry out treatments
- common equine injury and disease that affects breeding horses
- indicators that can be used to assess horse health
- common ailments
- signs of unsoundness and disease, work stress or other disorders
- types of medication and treatments

- first aid requirements
- ways infection and disease can be transferred
- normal and abnormal temperature, respiration rate, hydration, temperature control, heart rate
- symptoms of and procedures for:
 - notifiable diseases
 - life threatening conditions
- quarantine procedures for localised infectious disease
- features of horse movement and gaits
- structure of the hoof and foot
- common hoof and foot disorders, including thrush, corns, quarter cracks, bruising and abscess.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various compliant and manageable horses assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
 - appropriate tack for horse and activity
 - materials and equipment for providing care for horses
 - personal protective equipment correctly fitted and applicable to activity for the individual
 - workplace recording or reporting forms
- specifications:
 - work instruction and health program for individual horses.

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>