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Modification History

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

Performance Evidence

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

There must be evidence that the individual has warmed up, exercised, controlled and cared for at least two compliant and manageable horses educated for exercise in an arena. Skills must be demonstrated while riding independently and also with other horses and riders in the immediate vicinity. The individual must demonstrate the following points for each ride:

- carrying out pre-work tasks including:
 - identifying the horse and program requirements
 - identifying hazards and assessing and controlling risks within limits of control and responsibility
 - locating and using personal protective equipment (PPE) and other items of riding apparel and/or gear required for the program
 - warming up horse according to the horse's needs, supervisor's directions and safe work practices
- completing program tasks in an arena using industry-accepted riding techniques and safe practices for:
 - safe horse handling and riding
 - mounting and dismounting independently
 - maintaining an independent seat
 - giving clear natural aids
 - using a range of movements to exercise the whole body of the horse
 - maintaining horse outline according to its ability and work program
- carrying out post-work tasks, including:
 - cooling down horse according to the horse's needs
 - assessing working gear and tack for signs of wear
 - cleaning and storing working gear and tack
 - reporting performance information following work.

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:

- safety provisions for horse and rider
- basic techniques for risk assessment and minimisation relevant to riding performance horses
- stable routines for preparing horse/s for work
- types and use of gear for exercising horses
- types and purpose of personal protective equipment
- riding techniques:
 - mounting and dismounting techniques
 - features of the independent seat and effective riding
 - working a horse in an outline
 - transitions
 - types and use of natural and artificial aids
 - types of riding styles
- definition of balance, bend, flexion, impulsion and straightness as it applies to a horse worked on the flat
- types of horse gaits and indicators of horse lameness
- basic behaviour characteristics of horses:
 - normal or typical horse behaviour
 - unsuitable riding horse behaviour
 - discipline requirements
 - indicators of education level of individual horses
- horse exercise warm up and cool down routines and post-exercise care
- signs of horse fatigue, normal horse movement and exercise-related abnormalities
- basic principles of animal welfare
- basic industry terminology related to riding horses
- workplace procedures for reporting and recordkeeping.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or an environment with a suitable arena for exercising performance horses that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live, compliant and manageable horses educated for relevant activity and assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
 - PPE, including riding boots and helmet for riding that complies with Australian standards (or equivalent compliant helmet)

- appropriate tack for individual, horse and activity
- reporting forms or a supervisor to communicate with
- specifications:
 - work instructions/procedures for exercising performance horse.

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.

The following specific assessor requirements apply to this unit. The assessor must:

- hold a current, recognised qualification for instructing or coaching horse riding and handling skills (refer to *User Guide* for details).

Links

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