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Assessment Requirements for ACMPHR301 Care for performance horses

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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 must satisfy all the elements and performance criteria of this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has cared for at least two different compliant and manageable performance horses. The following points must be demonstrated for each horse:

- identifying hazards and assessing and controlling risks within limit of control and responsibility
- cleaning stable, yard, feed and water vessels and horse housing to maintain environment in accordance with work health and safety (WHS) and animal welfare legislation and guidelines
- wearing and using personal protective equipment (PPE) correctly
- using safe horse handling techniques
- washing, grooming and rugging and unrugging horse
- clipping a horse according to instructions and under supervision
- identifying and preparing horse for work according to stable routine
- fitting and removing working gear to horse:
 - selecting working gear for horse
 - fitting exercise boots and bandages
 - checking, cleaning and storing working gear
- checking horse condition and providing post exercise care
- feeding horse:
 - preparing hard feed
 - feeding stabled, yarded and paddocked horse
 - completing feeding records
- completing stable records.

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:

- key features of work health and safety (WHS) and animal welfare legislation
- risk identification, assessment and minimisation processes
- purpose and types of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- characteristics of horse behaviour and basic horse education
- horse identification processes
- stable design and layout
- current industry practices for stable hygiene and basic biosecurity requirements
- stable work routines and scheduling of duties
- equipment and techniques for:
 - washing horses
 - clipping
 - grooming
- types, fitting and application of rugs and rug accessories
- use, fitting, checking, maintaining and storing working gear
- post-exercise horse care
- applying and monitoring feeding plans:
 - feed types and supplements
 - normal and abnormal eating and drinking patterns and behaviours
 - behaviour of horses during group and individual feeding
 - safe practices for feeding horses in groups
- workplace recordkeeping practices and procedures.

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:
 - live, compliant and manageable performance horses assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
 - personal protective equipment (PPE) correctly fitted and applicable to activity for the individual
 - feed and supplements for selected performance horses
 - horse grooming, washing and clipping equipment
 - tack and accessories required for caring for performance horses
 - cleaning materials and equipment
- specifications:
 - workplace procedures and feeding schedule for selected performance horses

- reporting forms or supervisor for reporting.

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>