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## Modification History

| Release   | Comments                                                                               |
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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 in this unit must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria of this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has planned, organised and participated in at least one performance horse sport event, involving fit competition horses, including:

- researching, interpreting and complying with competition and sport rules, regulations and requirements, horse breed characteristics, equipment, medication and attire rules
- assessing and controlling risks associated with horse sport activity within own role and work area
- managing health and welfare of performance horse before, during and after competitions, including during transport
- handling horses safely and humanely according to industry practices and legislative requirements for:
  - work health and safety (WHS)
  - animal welfare
  - biosecurity
  - sustainability
- organising equipment and using tack humanely and safely according to relevant sport regulations
- managing horse presentation for competition, including preparing and turning out individual horses to meet sport-specific requirements
- performing the competition day duties of a trainer and/or competitor
- participating in protests, inquiries and appeals.

## 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:

- horse sports and performance opportunities relevant to the specific breed, business or requirements of clients
- the timing, qualification requirements and locations of competition opportunities relevant to business goals or client requirements
- sport and breed governing bodies, structure and function relevant to competition requirements, including:
  - eligibility to compete
  - breed standards
  - qualification requirements
  - roles of officials and judges
  - disciplinary, protest and appeal procedures
- details of competition rules and regulations relevant to the sport or discipline, including:
  - tack and equipment
  - withholding periods
  - administration of medication
  - presentation and dress standards
  - horse requirements
- horse breeds and performance characteristics
- criteria for determining horse suitability for specific activity, including indicators of when the horse is not fit for current or further competition
- horse health and welfare standards and procedures
- equine transport options and the effect of transport on equine health and welfare
- sports psychology principles relevant to sport competition
- key requirements of current standards, policies and procedures, and legislation relevant to horse sports:
  - WHS
  - animal welfare, including current Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Acts
  - environmental management
  - biosecurity.

## Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
  - a workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions in a real horse sport setting
- resources, equipment and materials:
  - live, compliant and manageable horses that have been assessed as suitable for the riders involved in the horse sport
  - appropriate tack for individual, horse and competition activity
  - personal protective equipment correctly fitted and appropriate for activity for riders
  - transport for horses

- technology to access, prepare and present information
- specifications:
  - sources of current information on competition rules, and current WHS, animal welfare, environmental management and biosecurity practices and regulations.

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>