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Application

This unit of competency covers the skills and knowledge required to manage processes for identifying and participating in international competition opportunities to meet organisation goals, including assessing the feasibility of an overseas venture, considering resource implications, complying with international rules and regulations, managing transport and accommodation arrangements, and meeting quarantine obligations.

The unit applies to individuals who have extensive horse knowledge and a broad range of skills and experience working in managerial roles within performance horse training or breeding organisations. It is relevant to a range of performance horses and breeds competing in a wide range of international performance disciplines.

No occupational licensing or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Work 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.

NOTE: The terms ‘occupational health and safety’ (OHS) and ‘work health and safety’ (WHS) generally have the same meaning in the workplace. In jurisdictions where the national model WHS legislation has not been implemented, RTOs must contextualise the unit of competency by referring to current OHS legislative requirements.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Performance Horse (PHR)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Evaluate relevant international horse sport opportunities	1.1 Identify and analyse requirements and potential compliance with international rules and regulations related to training and competing horses internationally in relevant discipline 1.2 Identify locations and suitable competitions within the relevant discipline 1.3 Research the qualifications and entry requirements for international competitions 1.4 Assess the suitability of individual horses and risks associated with participating in an international competition
2. Evaluate the business benefits of competing internationally	2.1 Determine business opportunities and goals for competing in international competition 2.2 Undertake cost-benefit analysis of international competition opportunities against financial considerations and business goals 2.3 Identify and pursue sponsorship, grant and novel funding opportunities 2.4 Identify international competition schedule 2.5 Evaluate resources required to support international competition
3. Manage travel arrangements to compete internationally	3.1 Research and evaluate international equine travel suppliers 3.2 Assess the specific requirements of international equine transport arrangements and arrange schedules to minimise health and performance risks associated with long-haul transport 3.3 Arrange transport and accommodation for horses and staff within the destination country or countries 3.4 Source industry specialists within the destination country or countries 3.5 Determine nutrition, health and welfare issues associated with travel to the destination country and competition 3.6 Develop and implement strategies to minimise and control risks associated with safe horse handling and international travel
4. Manage international competition quarantine requirements	4.1 Research relevant import and export quarantine regulations 4.2 Determine and comply with the vaccination, health status and pre-export health management requirements of the destination country

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	4.3 Arrange pre-export quarantine facilities with relevant personnel

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	- Access and interpret textual information in formal international competition procedures, rules and regulations - Identify key information relevant to international competition in a range of documents
Writing	Accurately complete forms and documents required by the international competition and suppliers of services
Numeracy	- Calculate costs, fees and resource requirements associated with participating in the international competition - Analyse financial data and budgets - Prepare timelines and schedules for organising the international competition
Oral communication	Participate in verbal exchanges using language appropriate for a range of personnel
Navigate the world of work	Recognise, follow and adhere to explicit and implicit protocols, rules and regulatory responsibilities related to own work
Interact with others	- Follow accepted communication practices and protocols in managing international opportunities for performance horses - Collaborate and cooperate with others to achieve joint outcomes relevant to the international competition activity
Get the work done	- Plan, sequence and schedule multiple complex activities required for the international competition and monitor implementation, making adjustments as necessary - Assess and control risks and regulations associated with international competition activities in own role and work area - Use familiar digital systems and tools to access, analyse, record and present information relevant to the international competition activity

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMPHR404 Manage international opportunities for performance horses	Not applicable	New unit	No 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>

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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 planned and organised at least one international event or competition for performance horses, involving fit competition horses, including:

- researching and evaluating international competition opportunities to meet business goals
- assessing the suitability of individual horses to perform at the level required of international competition
- undertaking a cost-benefit analysis of the risks and opportunities of competing internationally
- identifying sponsorship, grants and novel sources of funding options
- researching, evaluating, scheduling or obtaining the logistics and resources required to travel and compete horses internationally
- developing competition and travel schedule to meet business goals and ensuring horses compete at their peak
- preparing horses for international competition and long-haul travel, including air travel
- liaising with specialist personnel to identify health and welfare risks and issues related to international competition and long-haul travel
- developing and implementing strategies to minimise health and welfare risks and issues associated with international competition and travel
- complying with import and export quarantine regulations
- working with internationally located personnel to develop strategy for managing horses once landed overseas
- organising the safe and humane handling of horses according to industry practices and legislative requirements for:
 - work health and safety
 - animal welfare
 - biosecurity.

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:

- international performance horse competition disciplines
- countries offering various types of performance horse competition
- rules and regulations associated with international competitions
- international competition ruling bodies
- relevant rules regarding endorsements or qualification for eligibility to compete internationally in relevant discipline
- relevant personnel involved in organising international competitions, including:
 - officials, suppliers, veterinarians, allied health professionals
 - in-country transport providers
 - other relevant organisations or individuals located in the destination country
- sponsorship or grant funding opportunities offered by commercial, industry bodies, and novel funding sources such as crowd funding via social media
- requirements to determine horse suitability for international competition:
 - fitness
 - health
 - vaccination status
 - performance history and results
- health and welfare issues associated with competing overseas and long-haul transport
- import and export quarantine regulations
- business planning
- transport options, risks and benefits
- key requirements of current standards, policies and procedures and legislative requirements for:
 - work health and safety (WHS)
 - biosecurity
 - animal welfare, including Prevention of Cruelty to Animals legislation.

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:
 - information about horses involved in the international competition or event
- technology to access current information on:
 - international competition events, requirements, rules
 - quarantine arrangements for destination countries

- work health and safety (WHS), animal welfare and biosecurity procedures, guidelines or regulations
- costs and resource requirements.

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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