



Australian Government

Assessment Requirements for ACMPHR406 Manage the presentation of young horses

Release: 1

Assessment Requirements for ACMPHR406 Manage the presentation of young horses

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 of the elements and performance criteria of this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has managed the presentation of young horses for at least two sales or shows, including:

- assessing the conformation of a horse
- maximising the presentation of a horse by enhancing positive conformation traits and minimising undesirable traits
- adopting appropriate style of attire to enhance the appearance of the horse
- presenting the horse for inspection, including standing, walking and trotting, and may include cantering, at liberty or free jumping
- training young horses to stand up, lead and perform tasks required by the show or sale, including when amongst other horses
- fitting tack and equipment according to sector or discipline practices
- exercising a horse in-hand, on the lunge, or other suitable method
- leading and showing the horse at a sale or show to display its best features
- assessing and controlling risks to:
 - minimise disruptions to the preparation of the horse
 - ensure safety of young horse and handler
 - ensure safety of the handler
- implementing current legislative and industry code of practice requirements applicable to working and interacting with horses, including:
 - animal welfare practices
 - work health and safety (WHS) practices
 - biosecurity practices
 - sustainability practices.

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:

- specific behavioural, health and training needs and limitations of young horses
- specific conformation features of the horse undergoing the sales or show preparation
- specific presentation requirements of the breed
- specific presentation requirements relevant to the use of the horse being prepared
- equipment and techniques for exercising and conditioning young horses for sale or show
- key effects of exercise and conditioning techniques on the physical development of young horses
- a range of presentation techniques, including:
 - trimming
 - use of coat enhancers
 - exercise activities to enhance the appearance and condition of the horse
- habituating young horses to:
 - a range of tack
 - equipment including clippers, dryers and sprays
 - travel and transportation
 - sale or show environments and associated atmosphere, including loud noises, music, lights
- specific characteristics, including benefits and disadvantages of the potential sale venues and shows in order to select the one most suitable for horse potential
- how to develop a schedule to ensure the timely management of sales or show preparation activities
- principles of risk management relevant to the management and development of young horses
- key requirements of work health and safety regulations and guidelines relating to:
 - risk assessment, control and review
 - safe horse handling techniques
 - personal protective equipment (PPE) including use, storage and maintenance
- key requirements of biosecurity standards and environmental management, relevant to horse diseases, hygiene standards and disposal of wastes
- key requirements of animal welfare standards, policies and procedures relevant to the safe, humane and ethical care and transportation of horses.

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 live, young horses – note that young horses can be less compliant and highly reactive, and should be assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
- appropriate tack for individual, horse and presentation or grooming activity
- PPE applicable for activities for handler.

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>