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

There must be evidence that the individual has observed, examined and evaluated the conformation of at least three horses, including at least one foal or other young horse, including:

- handling horses safely and humanely during examinations and observations
- reporting on the conformation of horses covering:
 - desirable and undesirable conformational features
 - requirements of established breed and sport standards
- developing corrective action plans to manage undesirable characteristics and rectify conformation traits of individual horses
- using health care practices, including bandaging and hoof care as part of corrective action strategies
- complying with regulatory requirements and workplace and industry procedures and practices relevant to role and evaluating performance horse conformation, including:
 - animal welfare and prevention of cruelty to animals
 - work health and safety.

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:

- techniques for analysing horse conformation
- desirable and undesirable conformation characteristics of horses
- performance horse breeds and conformation characteristics
- breed conformation standards of excellence
- industry standard conformation terminology
- performance horse sports and requirements

- normal and abnormal features of horse gaits and movement
- features of unsoundness and blemishes in horses and foals
- veterinary procedures for correcting abnormal conformation, including for young horses
- farriery procedures for correcting abnormal conformation, including for young horses
- key features of horse husbandry practices
- 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)
- key requirements of animal welfare standards, policies and procedures relevant to the safe, humane and ethical care 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 horses, including foals and 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
 - materials and information about horse conformation, or technology to access the information.

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>