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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 2	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 2.0.
Release 1	Initial release with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land 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 safely ridden at least two different calm, consistent and obedient horses educated for stock work to carry out at least three assigned jobs involving riding horses for basic stock work duties. For each job there must be evidence that the individual has:

- prepared for the job by:
 - recognising hazards and implementing required risk control measures
 - identifying relevant work health and safety requirements
 - selecting and using suitable personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - selecting suitable saddlery and equipment
 - identifying the assigned horse by gender, colour markings, and brands
 - catching assigned horse and assessing for health and soundness
 - communicating with supervisor to discuss concerns and suitability of horse for the assigned job
- handled horse safely and humanely during job including:
 - safely and correctly fitting, then checking and adjusting working gear to suit individual horse
 - mounting horse safely
 - riding and controlling horse, at a walk, trot, and canter, to perform basic stock work duties
 - adhering to animal welfare policies when working around horses and livestock
 - minimising stress of livestock when checking, mustering, and moving livestock
 - dismounting horse safely
- completed post-ride activities including:

- cleaning, feeding and watering horse
- checking, cleaning and maintaining tack
- completing records as required by workplace.

In addition, there must be evidence that the individual has monitored the condition of at least one horse (which may be one of the above-mentioned three horses), including:

- identifying signs of ill health, injury, or poor condition, and reporting to supervisor
- safely and humanely administering basic treatments under supervision
- carrying out basic hoof care and cleaning safely and humanely.

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, animal welfare codes of practice, biosecurity requirements, and sustainability practices in the context of own job role
- basic pre-activity risk assessment for basic stock work
- common horse gender, colours, markings, and other identifying features
- common basic features of horse behaviour and psychology
- the features of livestock behaviour and how this is utilised to minimise stress for horse and livestock
- relevant workplace procedures, industry standards, and guidelines for horse riding and riding safety, including lungeing or riding in a yard before outside and one-rein stops
- basic care and husbandry, and procedures for horses
- the common signs of disease or injury in horses, basic anatomy and physiology of the horse
- the use of horses for workplace operations
- care and maintenance of working gear.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions, including livestock handling yards and paddocks
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various live, calm, consistent and obedient horses educated for stock work and assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
 - livestock to muster, move, and check
 - appropriate tack for individual, horse and activity
 - personal protective equipment (PPE) correctly fitted and applicable to activity for the individual

- specifications:
 - work instructions and procedures for carrying out basic stock work.

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=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>