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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to handle, educate, and ride horses to muster, move, separate, and check livestock, and care for horses and equipment.

There are potential risks associated with working with and around horses and livestock.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, work health and safety, animal welfare, biosecurity requirements and sustainability practices.

All units of competency dealing with animals in the AHC Training Package have the requirements for animals to be handled humanely to minimise stress and discomfort.

This unit applies to experienced workers in the livestock industry who use horses to muster and check stock on a grazing enterprise. It is normally carried out independently according to enterprise procedures.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

AHCLSK218 Ride educated horses to carry out basic stock work*

ACMEQU202 Handle horses

*ACMEQU205 Develop horse riding skills at walk and trot**

ACMEQU202 Handle horses

ACMEQU206 Perform basic (controlled) horse riding skills at walk, trot, and canter*

ACMEQU202 Handle horses

*ACMEQU205 Develop horse riding skills at walk and trot***

ACMEQU202 Handle horses

Unit Sector

Livestock (LSK)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Element	Performance criteria
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Prepare horses for work	1.1 Select, use and maintain appropriate personal protective equipment 1.2 Select, muster, or bring from paddock, and assess the suitability of the horse for the task 1.3 Catch and handle horses safely and humanely 1.4 Check horse's health, soundness, and fitness level to ensure they are capable to complete the work required 1.5 Select, check, and maintain working equipment, if required 1.6 Groom horse prior to exercise or work 1.7 Fit working gear to individual horse
2. Educate horses for stock work	2.1 Identify, assess risks, and implement risk controls associated with horse riding and horse education 2.2 Assess the horse's current level of education 2.3 Educate horse to calmly carry out required movements for working stock, including stops, turns, and rollbacks 2.4 Educate horse to work and control a mob of livestock as a whole 2.5 Educate horse to safely handle a single beast and to return it to the mob safely 2.6 Educate horse to separate a beast from a mob as required 2.7 Educate horse to calmly accept a stock whip being used by the rider as required by the workplace/enterprise 2.8 Educate horse to work with working dogs where required by enterprise 2.9 Utilise agreed emergency procedures when educating green horses in required safety movements (i.e. one rein stops)
3. Ride horses to carry out stock work	3.1 Interpret work program to determine work to be undertaken and, where necessary, confirm with management 3.2 Select horses for the task 3.3 Catch and handle horses safely and humanely 3.4 Practice and reinforce education of horse while carrying out routine stock work 3.5 Re-educate horse where necessary and correct any vices 3.6 Utilise agreed emergency procedures when educating green horses in required safety movements (i.e. one rein stops)
4. Provide post ride care and maintain saddlery	4.1 Remove gear and groom, wash and or clean horse as required

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and equipment	4.2 Water and feed horse in line with workplace policy 4.3 Release horse to appropriate enclosure, paddock, or yard 4.4 Check, clean, maintain, and store working gear 4.5 Repair working gear, as required 4.6 Apply enterprise biosecurity and sustainability policies
5. Monitor horse health and condition	5.1 Monitor horses as a part of daily routines to identify signs of ill health, injury, and poor condition 5.2 Muster or catch horses in need of attention, and report and record condition in line with enterprise procedures 5.3 Administer prescribed treatments for common ailments, under supervision of the veterinarian or manager 5.4 Safely check horse's legs and feet, safely clean out feet, and correctly identify lameness and potential causes for lameness 5.5 Organise shoeing where required

Foundation Skills

Foundation Skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

Unit Mapping Information

No equivalent unit.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>

Assessment Requirements for AHCLSK336 Educate, care for, and ride horses for stock work

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Performance Evidence

The candidate must be assessed on their ability to integrate and apply the performance requirements of this unit in a workplace setting. Performance must be demonstrated consistently over time and in a suitable range of contexts.

The candidate must provide evidence that they can:

- identify work health and safety hazards and implement safe work procedures
- use calm and humane methods to minimise undue stress and risk to horses, handlers, and livestock
- handle and prepare horses for riding
- monitor health and condition of horses
- identify signs of ill health, injury, or poor condition and administer basic treatments
- handle horse safely and humanely
- ride educated and green horses
- utilise agreed emergency procedures when riding
- educate green uneducated horses in required safety movements? (i.e. one rein stops)
- educate horses to:
 - calmly carry out required movements for working stock, including stops, turns, and rollbacks
- work and control a mob of livestock as a whole
- safely handle a single beast and to return it to the mob safely
- separate a beast from a mob, as required
- calmly accept a stockwhip being used by the rider as required by workplace
- work with working dogs where required by enterprise
- prepare the horse for work
- ride and control the horse to check, muster, and move livestock as part of property operations while not compromising animal welfare
- minimise stress on horses and livestock when checking, mustering and moving livestock
- assess and monitor horse behaviour and take corrective action if required
- carry out basic hoof care and cleaning
- select and maintain saddlery and equipment

- identify common horse ailments
- develop a working relationship with the horse or horses in their care relevant to animal welfare requirements
- handle horses for routine procedures
- maintain saddlery and horse equipment

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- common horse genders, colours, markings, and other identifying features
- horse movement and behavioural characteristics, and learning theories
- 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 (lunging riding in a yard before outside, one rein stops)
- approaches to horse education for stock work and associated learning theories
- describe basic care husbandry and management procedures for horses
- common signs of unsoundness, injury disease, work stress, or other disorders in horses
- basic anatomy and physiology of the horse
- use of horses for workplace operations
- care and maintenance of working gear
- horse conformation and work readiness or level of education
- horse handling and riding techniques
- relevant legislation and enterprise procedures, animal health and welfare, and work health and safety

Assessment Conditions

Competency is to be assessed in the workplace, OR workplace and a simulated environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting.

Assessments must be conducted using educated and green uneducated live horses and livestock in a safe environment where evidence gathered demonstrates consistent performance of typical tasks experienced in the job role.

Assessors must satisfy current standards for RTOs.

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