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Modification History

Release Number	TP Version	Comments
1	AHCv1.0	Initial release

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