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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to train, handle and ride horses to muster, move and separate livestock. It covers caring for horses and equipment, and addresses the potential risks associated with working with and around horses and livestock.

The unit applies to individuals who have experience working in the livestock industry and in riding educated, compliant and manageable horses to muster and check stock on grazing properties. They work under broad direction and take responsibility for their own work.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace, and animal welfare legislation, regulations, standards and guidelines, and sustainability and biosecurity practices.

In addition to legal responsibilities, all units of competency dealing with animals in the AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package have the requirements for animals to be handled humanely to minimise stress and discomfort.

No licensing or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

AHCLSK235 Ride educated horses to carry out basic stock work

Note the following chain of pre-requisites that also applies to this unit.

Unit of competency	Pre-requisite requirement
AHCLSK235 Ride educated horses to carry out basic stock work	AHCLSK236 Handle horses safely for stock work

Unit Sector

Livestock (LSK)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements	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 Identify hazards and risks and implement safe working practices to manage risks 1.2 Select, fit, use and maintain personal protective equipment (PPE) applicable to the task 1.3 Select, muster, or bring from paddock, and assess the suitability of the horse for the task 1.4 Catch and handle horse safely and humanely according to animal welfare practices 1.5 Assess horse for health, injury, soundness and fitness level to ensure it is capable to complete required work 1.6 Groom horse prior to exercise or work 1.7 Select, check, and maintain working equipment, according to work instructions 1.8 Fit working gear to individual horse 1.9 Check and report faulty or unsafe equipment or PPE to supervisor
2. Train horses for stock work	2.1 Assess current level of education of the horse 2.2 Train horse to calmly carry out required movements for working stock, including stops, turns and rollbacks 2.3 Train horse to work and control a mob of livestock as a whole 2.4 Train horse to safely handle a single animal and to return it to the mob safely according to industry practices 2.5 Train horse to separate an animal from a mob as instructed and according to industry and animal welfare practices 2.6 Train horse to calmly accept a stock whip being used by the rider, if required by the workplace, according to industry and animal welfare practices 2.7 Train horse to work with working dogs where required by workplace 2.8 Utilise agreed emergency procedures when training horses in required safety movements
3. Ride horses to carry out stock work	3.1 Interpret work program to determine work to be undertaken, and confirm with supervisor 3.2 Select horses for the task, taking into consideration task

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	requirements and own skill level 3.3 Catch and handle horses safely and humanely according to animal welfare practices 3.4 Practise and reinforce training of horse while carrying out routine stock work 3.5 Take corrective action to re-train horse where necessary
4. Provide post-ride care and maintain saddlery and equipment	4.1 Remove gear, and groom, wash or clean horse according to workplace procedures 4.2 Assess horse for health, injury and soundness, and administer prescribed equine vaccinations and treatments for common ailments, under supervision of the veterinarian or supervisor 4.3 Water and feed horse according to workplace procedures 4.4 Release horse safely to enclosure, paddock or yard 4.5 Clean and maintain working gear and riding PPE, and store according to workplace procedures 4.6 Repair working gear according to industry practices and workplace procedures 4.7 Apply workplace sustainability and biosecurity practices
5. Maintain 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 according to workplace procedures 5.3 Administer prescribed treatments for common ailments, under supervision of the veterinarian or supervisor 5.4 Safely check horse legs and feet, clean out feet, and identify lameness and its potential causes 5.5 Organise shoeing according to workplace procedures

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Reading	Identify and interpret workplace documentation to identify relevant and key information about stock work requirements
Writing	Record observations about horses in workplace forms accurately
Oral communication	- Use clear language to report malfunctions, faults, wear or damage to working gear and riding PPE - Respond to questions and clarify information

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current release	Code and title previous release	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCLSK372 Train, care for and ride horses for stock work	AHCLSK337 Train, care for and ride horses for stock work	Minor changes to application Updated pre-requisite unit added new pre-requisite chain Removed previous chain of pre-requisites Major and minor changes to elements and performance criteria Foundation skills updated Assessment requirements updated	Not equivalent

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -
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Assessment Requirements for AHCLSK372 Train, care for and ride horses for stock work

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Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has trained, cared for and ridden at least two different horses for stock work. For each horse there must be evidence that the individual has:

- applied relevant workplace health and safety and environment and biosecurity legislation, regulations and workplace procedures
- applied relevant animal welfare practices
- recognised and reported workplace health and safety hazards and used safe work practices
- selected and maintained saddlery and equipment
- handled and prepared horses for riding and livestock work
- used calm and humane handling methods to minimise undue stress and risk to horses, handlers, and livestock according to animal welfare practices
- monitored health and condition of horses, including carrying out basic hoof care and cleaning
- identified signs of ill health, injury, or poor condition and administered basic treatments
- trained horses to:
 - calmly carry out required movements for working stock, including safety movements, stops, turns and rollbacks
 - work and control a mob of livestock as a whole
- ridden, controlled and stopped the horse to carry out checking, mustering and moving livestock, in both yards and open paddocks, as part of property operations
- assessed and monitored horse behaviour during riding activities and taken corrective action if required
- completed post-ride activities, including:
 - cleaning, feeding and watering horse
 - assessing horse for health, injury and soundness, and administering prescribed treatments
 - checking, cleaning and maintaining tack

- completing records as required by workplace.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for training, caring for and riding horses for stock work, including appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- environment and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices relevant to training, caring for and riding horses for stock work
- common horse colours and markings, gender and other identifying features, including microchips and identification documentation
- horse vaccination schedules
- horse movement and behavioural characteristics, and learning theories relevant to stock work
- livestock behaviour and how this is utilised to minimise stress for horse and livestock
- relevant industry standards and practices, and workplace procedures and guidelines for horse riding and riding safety, including lungeing, and riding in a yard before riding outside
- approaches to horse education for stock work, and associated learning theories
- required horse movements for working stock:
 - safety movements
 - stops
 - turns
 - sidepass
 - rollbacks
 - working and controlling a mob of livestock as a whole
- basic care husbandry and management procedures for horses
- common signs of unsoundness, including 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
- animal welfare practices relevant to training, caring for and riding horses for stock work.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:

- a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions, containing livestock handling facilities
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various live, suitably educated, compliant and manageable horses to be trained for stock work and assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
 - livestock to use in training horses
 - working gear, including tack for individual, horse and stock work activity
 - PPE applicable to training, caring for and riding horses for stock work
- specifications:
 - work instructions and workplace procedures applicable to training, caring for and riding horses for stock work
 - workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for training, caring for and riding horses for stock work
 - environment and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices applicable to training, caring for and riding horses for stock work
 - legislation, regulations, standards, guidelines and procedures for animal welfare applicable to training, caring for and riding horses for stock work
- relationships:
 - supervisor, veterinarian
- time frames:
 - according to job requirements.

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.

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