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Assessment Requirements for SISO EQU012

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit in the context of the job role, and:

- develop a portfolio of information on the key features and functions of the following anatomical and physiological horse systems and their role in effective horse performance:
 - respiratory system
 - circulatory system
 - musculoskeletal system
 - digestive system
 - nervous system
 - reproductive system for male and female horses
- assess three different horses for conformation and movement suitable for their sport or recreational purpose and cumulatively use the following techniques:
 - visual and physical examination
 - flexion test
 - observing the horse being ridden
 - observing the horse being trotted up
- during all horse assessments, consistently use safe horse handling practices
- write a brief report, on each of the three horses, to include:
 - intended sport or recreational use and performance requirements
 - description of horse including age, breed, height
 - functional conformation assessment, positive and negative features
 - any indicators of horse unsoundness
 - evaluation of potential performance problems
 - recommendations on the suitability of the horse for particular sport or recreational activities and performance requirements.

Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrated knowledge required to complete the tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit:

- organisational safety procedures for handling horses

- safe horse handling and restraint techniques specific to examining horses for movement and conformation
- points of a horse and correct terminology
- key features and functions of the following anatomical and physiological horse systems and their role in effective horse performance:
 - respiratory system
 - circulatory system
 - musculoskeletal system
 - digestive system
 - nervous system
 - reproductive systems of male and female horses
- features and factors of horse anatomy and physiology used to determine the suitability of individual horses for different sport or recreational purposes
- functional horse conformation to perform well in a range of sport or recreational activities
- common conformation faults for sport or recreational horses and the effects on horse movement, soundness and performance
- examination techniques used to assess horse movement and conformation:
 - visual and physical examination
 - flexion test
 - riding or driving the horse; observing horse being ridden or driven
 - trotting up the horse; observing horse being trotted up
 - lunging the horse or observing horse being lunged
- meaning of horse soundness and indicators of unsoundness that can be observed during horse movement and conformation examinations.

Assessment Conditions

Skills can be demonstrated in any indoor or outdoor environment where horses are examined and assessed for their potential to perform effectively in sport or recreational activities.

Horse matching prior to all assessments involving horse interaction is essential. Assessors must:

- complete, participate in or validate a risk assessment of the candidate's characteristics and level of horse handling skills
- match, or validate the matching of, horses of suitable history, size and temperament to the candidate to ensure that handler and horse combination is safe.

Assessment must ensure use of:

- horses of differing conformation matched to the candidate as above; these can be
- calm, consistent and obedient horses or
- compliant and manageable horses
- halters and leads

- organisational safety procedures for handling horses.

Assessment must ensure access to:

- human and equine first aid equipment
- communication equipment for emergency response.

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations requirements for assessors, and:

- hold a qualification or Statement of Attainment which includes this unit of competency, SISOEQU012 Assess horses for sport or recreational performance, or a qualification or Statement of Attainment which includes a unit of competency that has been superseded by this unit, and
- have at least three years' experience in a role involving the assessment of sport or recreational horses where they have applied the skills and knowledge covered in this unit of competency.

Links

Companion Volume Implementation Guide -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=1ca50016-24d2-4161-a044-d3faa200268b>