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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:

- assess the conditioning needs of two individual horses, according to their sport or recreational role and environment
- develop individual conditioning programs for those two horses
- condition those two horses to optimise performance for their sport or recreational role
- during all conditioning activities, consistently use safe horse handling or riding practices and techniques
- complete the following documents for each of the two horses conditioned:
 - horse conditioning program
 - feeding regimes
 - history of illness, injury and treatments
 - horse progress
 - results.

Knowledge Evidence

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

- organisational policies and procedures for health and welfare of horses
- range of stakeholders involved in conditioning programs for sport or recreational horses and their roles
- principles of conditioning horses for the performance requirements of different sport or recreational purposes
- techniques used to condition horses for specific sport or recreational use and performance goals, and associated benefits and disadvantages
- purpose, features and safe set up of equipment used to condition horses for specific sport or recreational use
- behaviour patterns of horses and implications for selection of conditioning methods
- common conformation faults for sport or recreational horses and conditioning methods suited to those faults
- the impact of conditioning on anatomical and physiological horse systems

- fitness indicators of individual horses at various stages of use in a sport or recreational program
- spelling requirements for sport or recreational horses to promote health and welfare
- common ailments and injuries related to conditioning of horses and correct terminology
- signs and symptoms of horse illness and injury:
 - behavioural
 - physiological
- routine treatments for common conditioning related illness and injury
- format and contents of documents which record:
 - horse conditioning programs
 - feeding regimes
 - history of illness, injury and treatments.
 - horse progress
 - results.

Assessment Conditions

Skills can be demonstrated in any indoor or outdoor environment where horses are conditioned for sport or recreational purposes.

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 or riding skills
- match, or validate the matching of, horses of suitable history, size and temperament to the candidate to ensure that handler or rider and horse combination is safe.

Assessment must ensure use of:

- horses used for sport or recreational riding purposes and of varying physical condition, matched to the candidate as above; these can be:
 - calm, consistent and obedient horses or
 - compliant and manageable horses
- equipment used to condition horses for specific sport or recreational use
- personal protective equipment to include:
 - riding boots
 - Australian Standard, or equivalent, compliant helmets
- templates for recording:
 - horse conditioning programs
 - feeding regimes
 - history of illness, injury and treatments
 - horse progress
 - results

- organisational policies and procedures for health and welfare of 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, SISOEQU013 Condition 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 conditioning sport or recreational horses where they have applied the skills and knowledge covered in this unit of competency.
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Links

Companion Volume Implementation Guide -

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