

**Modification history**

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 1.0.

ACMEQU211	Prepare horses for competition, presentation or sale
<b>Application</b>	<p>This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to prepare a well-educated, calm, consistent and obedient horse for in sales, competition or events. It involves washing, grooming and trimming horses; cleaning and fitting equipment; and monitoring horses during and after events.</p> <p>This unit applies to workers in industries involving horses, who undertake routine horse care tasks under supervision. Work environments may include wash bays, grooming bays, yards and stables, which may also be at competition, event and sales venues.</p> <p>Commonwealth and state/territory health and safety, and animal welfare legislation, regulations and codes of practice relevant to interacting with horses apply to workers in this industry. Requirements vary between industry sectors and jurisdictions.</p> <p>No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication, except for the racing industry, where requirements vary between states and territories. Users working in the racing industry are advised to contact the relevant Principal Racing Authority for advice on current requirements.</p>
<b>Prerequisite Unit</b>	<p>Prerequisite units of competency for this unit are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACMEQU202 Handle horses safely</li> </ul>
<b>Unit Sector</b>	Equine (EQU)

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Plan presentation requirements	1.1 Confirm purpose of event or activity, and the horses requiring preparation 1.2 Identify the different grooming standards for competition, presentation and sale requirements 1.3 Confirm with supervisor the timeframes for completing grooming tasks, and feeding and watering schedule for the event 1.4 Identify hazards, assess and control risks related to horse handling and preparation, and the environment for the event 1.5 Confirm, check and clean horse gear and equipment required 1.5 Adjust the fit of equipment to horse prior to event 1.6 Check hoof and shoe condition and report to supervisor 1.7 Prepare event grooming equipment and gear
2. Wash and groom horse to presentation standard	2.1 Select appropriate washing products according to coat type, condition and colour, and complete horse washing requirements 2.2 Confirm the competition or breed standard requirements for coat presentation 2.3 Select grooming tools and products according to workplace practices 2.4 Groom to remove loose hair and encourage the coat to lay flat

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This unit is an elective in the Cert II in Horse Care and had only one enrolment in 2019.

It is the only unit that covers grooming in any depth, and it is odd there are not more enrolments.

Some initial changes made in blue text and comments added for SMEs to check/consider.

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**Commented [TV3]:** Should revised ACMEQU202 Handle horses safely still be a prerequisite for this unit?

**Commented [TV4]:** Do washing and grooming need to be separate elements?

**Commented [TV5]:** Should we include PPE and restraining horse prior to washing?

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
3. Trim coat to maintain established style	3.1 Confirm trimming requirements with supervisor 3.2 Identify hazards and demonstrate safe handling and positioning techniques when using scissors, clippers and blades around horses 3.3 Determine the competition or breed standard requirements for coat trimming 3.4 Select and prepare trimming tools 3.5 Trim tail length and dock hair thickness 3.6 Trim mane to even out thickness and length or cut off depending on breed 3.7 Trim bridle path and withers to the established trim pattern 3.8 Trim jaw line, legs and outside ear line to enhance the basic conformation without compromising horse welfare 3.9 Clean and complete basic maintenance of trimming tools
4. Plait mane and tail	4.1 Confirm with supervisor the style or plaiting and number of plaits to be created 4.2 Identify potential horse welfare issues and remedies related to plaiting manes and trimming or plaiting tails 4.3 Use grooming techniques and products to encourage mane and tail hair to lay flat 4.4 Divide the mane and plait down to produce plaits of even thickness 4.5 Run up plaits and forelock in the required style and secure 4.6 Groom tail and prepare in required style
5. Complete final grooming	5.1 Apply grooming products to highlight the coat 5.2 Apply face and leg makeup to enhance features and remove stains 5.3 Apply quarter marks that enhance horse conformation 5.4 Dress hooves to comply with event requirements
6. Tack-up horse for event	6.1 Confirm the time and location horse is required 6.2 Ensure competition or lot numbers are correct and are fitted to horse, handler and/or rider according to competition requirements 6.3 Check gear requirements and fit and adjust equipment to horse 6.4 Complete final check and wipe over 6.5 Present horse to handler, rider and/or driver
7. Complete post-event care	7.1 Cool down horse post-event 7.2 Ensure horse is monitored and managed according to weather conditions 7.3 Remove and brush out plaits after event 7.4 Remove makeup and hoof dressing according to workplace practices 7.5 Provide horse with feed and water according to supervisor instructions 7.6 Clean and store equipment 7.7 Check and report supply levels of grooming products

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Are all horses typically groomed in the sequence set out here?

### 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accurately interpret grooming product labels and grooming standards</li> </ul>
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enter data and information accurately into workplace records</li> </ul>
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Estimate and calculate quantity, area, volume, ratio and percentage</li> </ul>
Oral communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use active listening and questioning to clarify supervisor instructions</li> <li>Use industry terminology to describe horses, equipment and the work environment</li> </ul>

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<b>Unit Mapping Information</b>			
<b>Code and title current version</b>	<b>Code and title previous version</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Equivalence status</b>
ACMEQU211 Prepare horses for competition, presentation or sale			No equivalent unit
<b>Links</b>	Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: <a href="https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103">https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103</a>		

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Assessment requirements for ACMEQU211 Prepare horses for competition, presentation or sale</b>
<b>Performance Evidence</b>	
<p>An individual demonstrating competency in this unit must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria of this unit.</p> <p>There must be evidence that the individual prepared at least three well-educated, calm, consistent and obedient horses for competition, presentation or sale in a variety of settings and conditions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identifying hazards, assessing and controlling or reporting their risks preparing horses</li> <li>• using safe horse handling methods, including horse and handler positioning techniques while washing, grooming, trimming and tacking-up in open and confined spaces</li> <li>• using and caring for gear and equipment, including personal protective equipment (PPE)</li> <li>• performing pre- and post-event grooming and washing procedures according to event requirements and workplace procedures</li> <li>• trimming horses using scissors or small trimming clippers or razors or thinning combs and blades</li> <li>• demonstrating horse mane and tail techniques to:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• even out the thickness and length of manes and tails using manual pulling or thinning blades</li> <li>• prepare horses for specific breed standards presentation</li> <li>• select and fit event gear to horses as directed</li> <li>• select and use shampoos and other grooming products according to coat type and presentation requirements and according to workplace practices.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Knowledge Evidence</b>	
<p>An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• general competition show, sale or promotional event procedures</li> <li>• common horse body language, behaviour and social traits related to horse competition, sale and public environments</li> <li>• horse grooming techniques for a range of different breed standards and competition requirements</li> <li>• safe horse handling techniques and zones</li> <li>• low stress horse handling techniques</li> <li>• purpose and use of horse grooming tools and products and potential impact on horse welfare</li> <li>• symptoms and signs of horse distress during grooming and event activities</li> <li>• cleaning and maintenance requirements for grooming tools for horse competition or sales event</li> <li>• type and purpose of personal protective equipment (PPE)</li> <li>• potential biosecurity and horse health hazards at competition and sale venues, and ways to minimise the risks that may occur at horse competitions, sales or promotional events</li> <li>• potential hazards in horse grooming, trimming and washing in open and confined spaces</li> <li>• styles including rosette, sewn, running and tail plaiting and application techniques</li> <li>• styles of quarter marks and application techniques</li> <li>• mane and tail trimming techniques and equipment used to:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• even out the thickness and length of manes and tails using manual pulling and thinning blades</li> <li>• measure and trim tail length</li> <li>• hog manes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• types and purpose of horse gear required for competition and sales.</li> </ul>	
<b>Assessment Conditions</b>	
<p>Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• physical conditions:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an equine workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions</li> </ul> </li> <li>• resources, equipment and materials:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• live, quiet, consistent and obedient horses as specified in the performance evidence</li> <li>• tack, grooming materials, tools and equipment including PPE suitable for the handler, horses and tasks specified in the performance evidence</li> </ul> </li> <li>• specifications:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• workplace procedures and instructions or program for lungeing horses</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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<b>Assessment Conditions</b>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">relationships</a><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">supervisor</a>.</li></ul></li></ul> |
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<p>Training and assessment strategies must show evidence of the use of guidance provided in the <i>Companion Volume: User Guide: Safety in Equine Training</i>. Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.</p>
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<b>Links</b>
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