

Modification history

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

ACMHBR203	Provide daily care for horses
Application	<p>This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to provide daily care for horses, including cleaning stables, feeding, undertaking the horse's daily work program, grooming and rugging.</p> <p>This unit applies to workers in industries involving horses, who undertake routine horse care tasks under supervision. Work environments may include stables, paddocks and yards.</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.</p>
Prerequisite Unit	<p>The prerequisite unit of competency for this unit is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACMEQU205 Apply knowledge of horse behaviour.
Unit Sector	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. Prepare to work with horses	<p>1.1 Confirm work program with supervisor</p> <p>1.2 Identify work hazards, minimise risks and report safety concerns OR Identify hazards, assess risks and control and/or report risks prior to starting tasks</p> <p>1.3 Select, check and maintain work tools and equipment required for the tasks</p> <p>1.4 Select and correctly fit personal protective equipment (PPE) appropriate for task</p>
2. Clean stables and surrounding areas	<p>2.1 Observe horse behaviour and characteristics, assessing potential risks before handling</p> <p>2.2 Check horse for condition, health and soundness and remove from stable or yard, or tie up safely in stable or yard</p> <p>2.3 Inspect and remove manure, soiled bedding and stale feed, and report abnormalities</p> <p>2.4 Rake or fork bedding and add fresh quantities</p> <p>2.5 Clean feed bins, hay nets and water troughs, and fill troughs with fresh water</p> <p>2.6 Report buildings or fixtures that are in need of maintenance or are unsafe</p>

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Several changes in blue text for SMEs to check/comment

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2. Clean stables and surrounding areas	2.1 Select cleaning and disinfecting products suitable for use around horses and people, according to workplace health and hygiene procedures 2.2 Clean and maintain work areas to remove and reduce dust, dirt and other environmental hazards that may affect horse and human health 2.3 Collect items for washing and repair, and replace with cleaned and/or repaired items 2.4 Organise for horse to be removed from stable, according to workplace procedures 2.5 Clean boxes and replace bedding, according to stable routine 2.6 Dispose of stale feed, soiled bedding, manure and other waste products according to workplace procedures 2.7 Clean, sweep and rake stable environment and yards 2.8 Lay bedding materials according to individual horse health and welfare requirements
3. Select, catch and tie up horses	3.1 Identify individual horses, catch using safe handling techniques and fit any required working gear 3.2 Inspect legs and hooves for abnormalities, cuts or damage, and report according to workplace practices 3.3 Lead horse to work area and secure to rail or another suitable tie-up point
4. Perform daily work program	4.1 Prepare horses for specified daily work program 4.2 Carry out work program for individual horses 4.3 Select and prepare horses for professional services 4.4 Wash down, dry, and return horses to their stable 4.5 Measure quantities of feed and provide feed to horses 4.6 Keep and maintain work routines and performance records
5. Groom and rug horses	5.1 Groom horses and check for illness or injury, and report any irregularities 5.2 Clean hooves, check for cracks, heat and other abnormalities, and check shoes if applied 5.3 Report abnormalities according to workplace practices 5.4 Fit rugs if required by workplace or other conditions to avoid chafing and rubbing
5. Groom and rug a horse	5.1 Confirm grooming and rugging requirements for selected horse according to workplace procedures 5.2 Identify hazards, assess risk and report these to supervisor before handling horses 5.3 Select and correctly fit PPE required for the task 5.4 Select and prepare required grooming equipment according to horse and workplace requirements 5.4 Position, tie up and groom horse using safe and low stress techniques 5.5 Clean, dress and check horse hooves and shoes for cracks, heat and other irregularities 5.6 Identify signs of horse illness or injury during grooming and report these according to workplace requirements 5.7 Fit rugs according to the conditions and stable routine 5.8 Clean, store and maintain grooming tools and (PPE)
6. Clean and maintain stable gear	6.1 Check all gear regularly for wear and damage 6.2 Clean and polish gear and apply oils or preservatives 6.3 Maintain or repair working gear according to stable procedures 6.4 Clean and store working gear and saddlery after use 6.5 Report gear that requires repair or replacement

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Foundation Skills	
<i>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.</i>	
Skill	Description
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accurately interpret food product labels and chemical safety data sheets
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter data and information accurately into workplace records
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimate and calculate quantity, area, volume, ratio and percentage
Oral communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use active listening and questioning to clarify supervisor instructions • Use industry terminology to describe horses, equipment and the work environment

Unit Mapping Information			
Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMHBR203 Provide daily care for horses			
Links	Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103		

TITLE	Assessment requirements for ACMHBR203 Provide daily care for horses
Performance Evidence	
<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 has carried out daily care for at least two calm, consistent and obedient horses. Prior to carrying out tasks with horses there must be evidence that the individual has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • checked and confirmed safety requirements, stable routines and instructions • identified and reported safety concerns • acquired required tools, equipment and personal protective equipment (PPE) <p>There must be evidence that the individual has carried out the following tasks for each horse:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • handling horses safely and ethically • cleaning and caring for saddlery and equipment • completing basic hoof care procedures • grooming and rugging horses • cleaning feed bins, hay nets and water troughs • measuring quantities required for feed • exercising horses according to instructions • monitoring horse health and welfare • reporting signs of illness or injury. 	
Knowledge Evidence	
<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"> ▲ key features of horse behaviour and psychology ▲ indicators of horse health ▲ common feed stuffs ▲ care and maintenance of hooves and the lower limbs ▲ organisational procedures for care of horses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ cleaning of stables, yards and gear ▲ safe work practices, including safe handling of horses ▲ types and purpose of personal protective equipment (PPE). 	
<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"> • key features of horse behaviour and psychology • type, purpose and use of PPE for horse handling and care tasks • type, purpose and use of horse bedding and floor coverings, including depth of bedding required to prevent horses becoming cast • procedures for cleaning and disinfecting stables, and for laying stable bedding • common feed types and water requirements for horses • common horse foods, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hay • chaff • grain/pellets or other forms of concentrated feed • electrolyte and mineral supplements • bran • feed appetisers • horse food and water storage requirements, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • temperature and humidity • contamination control • vermin control • shelf life and expiration dates • identification of contaminated and unsuitable quality horse food • effects of contaminated and poor quality food on horse health, performance and welfare 	

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Knowledge Evidence

- reporting requirements for stock control of feed and bedding supplies
- types of horse health information that can be gathered during cleaning and feeding routines
- horse care issues that should be reported to supervisor during cleaning and feeding activities
- tools, equipment and procedures for:
 - preparing, storing and distributing horse foods
 - undertaking routine stable duties
 - moving and securing horses
 - cleaning and disinfecting equipment and work areas
 - removing soiled bedding
- health and safety requirements related to horse care tasks, including:
 - safe horse handling
 - repetitive strain injuries
 - working with horse excrement and other discharges
 - working with feed stuffs
 - manual handling
 - materials handling using equipment
 - handling chemicals
 - zoonoses transferred by horses to humans, including Hendra.

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Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - an equine workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment or materials:
 - live calm, consistent and obedient horses assessed specified in the performance evidence
 - equipment and tools required for the tasks specified in the performance evidence, including PPE and load carrying equipment
 - food, water and appropriate tack for individual horses and tasks specified in the performance evidence
 - workplace recording or reporting forms
- specifications:
 - work place instructions for horse care, including the individual bedding and food requirements for the horses specified in performance evidence
- relationships:
 - supervisor

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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