**Modification History**

| Release | Comments |
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| Release 1 | This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 5.0. |

| ACM40X921 | Certificate IV in Equine Care |
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**Qualification Description**

This qualification describes the skill and knowledge for work activities undertaken by an equine service provider or skilled worker in an equine establishment who provides specialist technical skills. They may work autonomously as small business operators or as part of a management team in an equine establishment. The job roles covered in this qualification are:
- fitness and performance trainer
- horse educator
- gear fitter and checker
- head groom.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, in accordance with state/territory work health and safety, animal welfare and biosecurity codes, regulations and legislation that apply to the workplace.

No other licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this qualification at the time of publication.

**Entry Requirements**

Prior to commencing this qualification, individuals must have evidence of current skills and knowledge and to:
- have completed the following units of competency (or equivalent) and any required prerequisite units of competency (*) prior to commencement of this qualification:
    - ACMEQU2X12 Handle horses safely or ACMEQU202 Handle horses safely or SISOEQU001 Handle horses or RGRPSH201 Handle racehorses in stables and at trackwork
    - ACMEQU3X6* Provide routine care for horses
    - ACMNEW3X1* Work safely in equine workplaces
OR
- have relevant equivalent experience.

**Packaging Rules**

To achieve this qualification, competency must be demonstrated in:
- 15 units of competency:
    - 7 core units plus
    - 8 elective units.

The electives are to be chosen as follows:
- up to 2 units from Group A
- up to 6 units from Groups B to E
- up to 2 units from this or any other endorsed training package or accredited course.

Elective units must ensure the integrity of the qualification's Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) alignment and contribute to a valid, industry-supported vocational outcome.

Any combination of electives that meets the packaging rules above can be selected for the award of the *ACM40X21 Certificate IV in Equine Care.*

Where appropriate, electives may be packaged to provide a qualification with a specialisation area as follows:
- at least 3 units from Group B electives for the award of the Certificate IV in *Equine Care (Fitness and performance training)*

- at least 3 units from Group C electives in for the award of the Certificate IV in *Equine Care (Horse educator).*
- at least 2 units from Group D electives in for the award of the *Certificate IV in Equine Care (Gear fitter and checker)*

Where two specialisations are completed, award of the qualification would read (for example), *Certificate IV in Equine Care (Fitness and performance training and Horse education).*

## Core Units

An asterisk (*) next to the unit code indicates that there are prerequisite requirements which must be met when packaging the qualification. Please refer to the Prerequisite requirements table for details.

| ACMEQU4X12 | Interpret and address horse behaviour and welfare |
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| ACMEQU4X15 | Relate equine musculoskeletal system to conformation and movement |
| ACMEQU4X20 | Maintain and monitor horse health |
| ACMINF302 | Follow equine biosecurity and infection control procedures |
| AHCWRK509 | Provide specialist advice to clients |
| BSBINS410 | Implement records systems for small business |
| RGRPSH308 | Provide first aid and emergency care for horses or other equines |

## Elective Units

### Group A Safety involving horses

| ACMEQU2X12 | Handle horses safely |
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| ACMNEW3X1* | Work safely in equine workplaces |
| ACMNEW4X23 | Work safely in providing equine services as a contractor |
| BSBWHS414 | Contribute to WHS risk management |
| SISOEQU010 | Identify hazards, assess and control safety risks for horse handling and riding activities |

### Group B Fitness and performance trainer

| ACMEQU4X14 | Manage horses to meet sport event requirements |
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| ACMEQU4X16 | Manage presentation of horses for sale or show |
| ACMEQU4X18 | Select horses based on analysis of pedigree |
| ACMEQU5X5 | Manage fitness in horses |

### Group C Horse educator

| ACMEQU407 | Educate horses in initial handling |
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| ACMEQU408 | Educate horses to be ridden |
| ACMEQU409 | Educate horses to be driven |
| ACMEQU410 | Educate pack horses |
| ACMEQU4X11 | Evaluate horse education methodologies and individual programs |
| RGRPSH424 | Re-educate horses to manage behaviours and/or transition to new purposes |
| RGRPSH425 | Advise on transitioning and rehoming horses |

### Group D Gear fitter and checker

| ACMEQU4X19 | Evaluate saddlery and gear fit for horse and rider combination |
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| ACMNEW4X1 | Fit and adjust bits and bridles |
| ACMNEW4X2 | Provide saddle fitting and adjustment services |

### Group E General electives

| ACMEQU2X12 | Handle horses safely |
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| ACMEQU3X14* | Provide non-riding exercise to horse |
| ACMEQU4X17 | Advise on nutritional needs |

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| ACMEQU4X21 | Manage selection of horse for handler, rider or driver |
| ACMEQU4X22 | Evaluate equine service or therapy provision |
| ACMFAR401 | Apply knowledge of equine musculoskeletal system, biomechanics and pathology for effective hoof care |
| ACMINF401 | Oversee site biosecurity and infection controls working with animals |
| ACMNEW4X3 | Provide horse clipping services |
| ACMSUS401 | Implement and monitor environmentally sustainable work practices |
| BSBESB404 | Market new business ventures |
| BSBESB405 | Manage compliance for small businesses |
| BSBESB406 | Establish operational strategies and procedures for new business ventures |
| BSBESB407 | Manage finances for new business ventures |
| BSBTEC201 | Use business software applications |
| FSKDIG003 | Use digital technology for non-routine workplace tasks |
| HLTAID011 | Provide first aid |
| HLTAID013 | Provide First Aid in remote or isolated site |
| MSTLG3001 | Make a prototype |
| RGRPSH304 | Identify factors that affect racehorse fitness and suitability to race |

## Prerequisite requirements

| Unit of competency | Prerequisite requirement |
|---|---|
| ACMEQU3X14 Provide non-riding exercise to horse | ACMEQU2X12 Handle horses safely |
| ACMNEW3X1 Work safely in equine workplaces | ACMEQU2X12 Handle horses safely |

## Qualification Mapping Information

| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
|---|---|---|---|
| ACM40X921 Certificate IV in Equine Care | Not applicable | New qualification developed to address an industry need not covered in other qualifications | Newly created |

## Links

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https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103