

Modification history

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

ACMEQU206	Perform horse riding skills at walk, trot and canter
Application	<p>This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to control a horse under saddle that is suitably educated for a beginner rider. It focuses on walking, trotting and cantering calm, obedient and consistent horses that are suitable for the level of rider experience, during controlled, supervised horse riding activities.</p> <p>It covers knowledge of potential risks when working with and around horses, to ensure the welfare and safety of the individual, other participants and horses.</p> <p>The unit applies to individuals who have limited or no horse riding experience, and who are developing skills needed to ride horses for work tasks. They undertake defined routine activities under supervision with limited responsibility for their own work. Working environments may include exercise yards and fenced horse riding areas or arenas.</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 licensing or registration varies 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>
Prerequisite Unit	Prerequisite units of competency for this unit are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACMEQU202 Handle horses safely
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 for horse riding activity	1.1 Discuss current skill level, riding skill development goals and horse suitability with riding instructor 1.2 Identify and confirm with instructor potential hazards and risks associated with the specific location, environment and horse riding activity, and apply control measures as directed 1.3 Identify, confirm correctly fit personal protective equipment (PPE) required for preparing and riding the horse 1.4 Catch, groom and tack-up assigned horse as directed using tack appropriate for rider, horse and discipline 1.5 Present horse and self to instructor for gear check prior to mounting

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• FS updated
• Minor changes and comments added in the in the PE, KE and AC

Note - This unit has is very similar to SISOEQU002 Ride horses using fundamental skills, but the Assessment Conditions of SISOEQU002 limit it use for ACM horse care stakeholders

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2. Demonstrate controlled riding skills	2.1 Mount horse in a safe and balanced manner as instructed 2.2 Ride horse through gaits in a balanced and controlled manner 2.3 Use recognised aids including legs, weight, hands and voice to control movement, speed and direction of horse at halt, walk, trot and canter 2.4 Cue horse through a range of movements and direction, maintaining control of horse 2.5 Control horse under saddle among other horse and rider combinations, maintaining safe group riding practices while performing a variety of required movements 2.6 Negotiate potential hazards appropriately to minimise risks 2.7 Dismount safely and lead horse in a controlled manner
3. Complete post-riding activities	3.1 Perform post-riding cool down of horse and handover horse as directed 3.2 Remove tack safely, and check its condition (and store?) 3.3 Report to riding instructor on condition of gear and horse post-exercise 3.4 Discuss with riding instructor, using objective and positive language, personal performance and goals for future riding skill development

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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
Oral communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use active listening and open and closed questions to clarify instructions Use industry terminology to describe horse riding-related activities

Unit Mapping Information			
Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMEQU206 Perform horse riding skills at walk, trot and canter			No equivalent unit

Links	
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TITLE	Assessment requirements for ACMEQU206 Perform horse riding skills at walk, trot and canter
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 performed horse riding skills at walk, trot and canter, on at least two different horses assessed as suitable for rider skills and experience. The individual must have ridden each horse on at least three different occasions, with and without other horses and riders in the immediate vicinity, during which the individual has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> discussed with instructor current skill level and suitability of chosen horse prior to riding used and correctly fitted personal protective equipment (PPE) used safe horse handling and riding techniques and practices to effectively control the horse fitted gear and equipment for nominated horses, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> saddle saddle cloth bridle accessory gear mounted horse using a stirrup mount, mounting block, leg-up assisted mount controlled horse under saddle at all times in the following tasks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> demonstrating an effective riding position at walk, trot (or jog) and canter (or lope) according to chosen discipline using hand, seat and leg aids according to discipline using transitions or increasing and decreasing speed within a gait according to chosen discipline following arena figures of circles, straight and diagonal lines and changes of direction cantering for a continuous distance of a minimum of 200 metres dismounted using a stirrup dismount and a vault dismount dealt with risks associated with riding horses around others accepted and applied feedback from riding instructor reported progress and discussed future personal riding skills needs with riding instructor. 	
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"> basic process for assessing horse suitability and matching to own skills common horse body language, behaviour and social traits purpose and use of different items of gear, including accessory tack and equipment and PPE purpose of appropriate aids to communicate with a horse safe group riding techniques safe horse handling techniques and zones low stress horse handling techniques key animal welfare principles and practices for handling horses basic work health and safety (WHS) risk assessment and control principles relating to interacting with horses, riding in an arena and with others how to address common undesirable horse behaviours including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> travelling too fast reefing and pulling jogging sideways running backwards risk factors that influence riding horse behaviour, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> other horses vehicles, fences and equipment other people or animals wind, noise and environmental hazards riding with others 	

Knowledge Evidence	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> factors that influence horse ability to respond to rider position and application of the natural and artificial aids. 	
Assessment Conditions	
<p>Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> physical conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> confined arena in a workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions resources, equipment and materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> various calm, consistent and obedient horses assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual specified in the performance evidence other riders appropriate tack for walk, trot and canter riding activities suitable for horse, rider and discipline correctly fitted PPE for the individual, including riding boots, safety vest and Australian standard or equivalent compliant helmet. specifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> are there any specifications required - e.g. workplace procedures? relationships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> riding instructor. <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>.</p> <p>Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.</p> <p>The following specific assessor requirements apply to this unit. The assessor must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> hold a current, recognised qualification for instructing or coaching horse riding and handling skills (refer to User Guide for details), and have three years of experience organising groups and responding to different types of riders and horses in order to prevent incidents that could lead to injury of rider or horse. 	
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Recognised instructing or coaching horse riding qualifications include one of the following:

- Level 1 or 2 National Coaching Accreditation, or
- Horse Safety Australia instructor accreditation, or
- Riding for the Disabled specialist coaching levels for those teaching riding to people with disabilities, or
- Skill Sets from the SIS10 Sport, Fitness and Recreation Training Package:
 - SSISS00061 Horse riding instructor
 - SSISS00062 Horse riding instructor- senior, or
 - SISOEQO414A Instruct horse riding and handling skills (statement of attainment), or
 - a minimum of three years' workplace experience riding horses in a supervisory role or overseeing a team.

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