

## Modification history

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

<b>ACMHBR201</b>	<b>Check and treat horses</b>
<b>Application</b>	<p>This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to carry out routine checks on horses, provide treatments under direction and assist with veterinary procedures when required.</p> <p>This unit applies to workers in industries involving horses, who undertake routine work 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>
<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. Carry out routine horse checks	<p>1.1 Confirm horse identification and supervisor instructions for horse health activities</p> <p>1.2 Identify hazards, assess and minimise risks and/or report risks to supervisor before handling horses in open and confined spaces</p> <p>1.3 Select and correctly fit personal protective equipment required for the task</p> <p>1.4 Observe signs of good health and condition in horses</p> <p>1.5 Check horse for signs of lameness, soreness, heat or swelling in legs, cuts and other signs of injury, illness and distress</p> <p>1.6 Report signs of horse health, illness or injury to supervisor according to workplace procedures</p>
2. Carry out horse treatments	<p>2.1 Confirm horse identification and treatment requires with supervisor</p> <p>2.2 Identify hazards, assess and minimise risks and/or report risks to supervisor before handling horses in open and confined spaces</p> <p>2.3 Select and correctly fit personal protective equipment required for the task</p> <p>2.2 Check safety controls or required support and assistance are in place prior to treating horses</p> <p>2.2 Ensure all horse restraints are suitable for the task</p> <p>2.3 Provide routine medications and treatments, and record according to workplace requirements</p> <p>2.4 Clean hooves and examine shoes for wear and damage</p> <p>2.5 Report faulty, broken or loose shoes</p>

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- FS updated
- Changes and comments added to the PE, KE and AC for SMEs to check/comment

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**Commented [TV3]:** Overlaps with Element 1 of ACMEQU203 Provide basic care of horses. I have blended and merged the PCs here with those from ACMEQU203.

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3. Support veterinary procedures	3.1 Report life-threatening ailments promptly to supervisor 3.2 Carry out basic emergency or first aid procedures (while waiting for veterinary help?) 3.3 Report serious cuts and abrasions 3.4 Provide assistance during veterinary treatment 3.5 Treat cuts, abrasions and bruises 3.6 Report and record treatments and procedures

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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"> <li>Interpret key information in work instructions and organisational guidelines</li> </ul>
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record data and information about checking and treating horses accurately</li> </ul>
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Estimate and calculate quantity, area, weight, volume, ratio and percentage</li> </ul>
Oral communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use active listening and questioning techniques to clarify and confirm supervisor instructions</li> </ul>

Unit Mapping Information			
Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMHBR201 Check and treat horses			
<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>	

TITLE	Assessment requirements for ACMHBR201 Check and treat horses
<p><b>Performance Evidence</b></p> <p>An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria of this unit.</p> <p>There must be evidence that the individual has checked and <b>treated</b> at least two horses. Each horse must be checked on <b>three separate</b> occasions and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>identifying and minimising risks while handling each horse</li> <li>performing duties around each horse in a firm but calm, gentle and unhurried manner</li> <li>monitoring basic horse health and observing and identifying signs of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ill health, injury or lameness</li> <li>abnormal or depressed appetite</li> <li>non-routine behaviour</li> </ul> </li> <li>cleaning hooves and examining each horse for loose or broken shoes</li> <li>reporting signs of illness or injury <b>to supervisor</b></li> <li>controlling, leading and handling each horse in an open and a confined space</li> <li>assisted with the provision of first aid and/or other treatments, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>provided simple restraint techniques through use of head collar, halter and lead and positioning of horses</li> <li><b>followed instructions from the person directing the health treatment</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>safely disposed of materials used for treatments according to workplace health, safety and biosecurity requirements.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Knowledge Evidence</b></p> <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><b>basic horse husbandry techniques</b></li> <li>animal welfare requirements, including ethical and humane treatment</li> <li><b>key horse breeds and characteristics</b></li> <li><b>key features of horse anatomy and physiology</b></li> <li><b>common physical signs that a horse is healthy or unhealthy</b></li> <li><b>indicators of common horse illnesses and injuries</b></li> <li>signs of common horse illness and injuries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>lameness or soreness</li> <li>heat or swelling in legs</li> <li>distress in horses</li> </ul> </li> <li>techniques for detecting signs of illness or injury</li> <li><b>routine horse health requirements</b></li> <li><b>first aid for minor injuries in horses</b></li> <li><b>workplace reporting processes related to horse health</b></li> <li><b>safe horse handling zones when providing treatments and medications</b></li> <li><b>tools and equipment to undertake routine horse care duties, and their maintenance requirements</b></li> <li><b>tools and equipment used when treating common horse injuries and diseases, including PPE</b></li> <li>recordkeeping systems</li> <li>hazard identification, <b>risk assessment and controls</b> to minimise risks working with horses in open and confined areas</li> <li>safe horse handling techniques</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Assessment Conditions</b></p> <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:</li> </ul>	

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Assessment Conditions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>live suitably educated, calm, consistent and obedient horses specified in the performance evidence assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual</li><li>tools and equipment required to perform the tasks specified in the performance evidence, including PPE</li><li>appropriate tack for individual, horse and activity</li><li>workplace recording forms</li><li>specifications:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>workplace procedures and instruction for checking and treating horses specified in the performance evidence.</li></ul></li><li>relationships:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>supervisor and veterinary.</li></ul></li></ul> <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>	
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