Modification history

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

ACMPHR301	~~Care for performance horses~~ **Provide routine care for horses**
Application	This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to care for performance horses on a daily basis. It involves grooming, clipping, rugging, feeding, basic turnout and monitoring horse welfare. addressing potential risks associated with working with and around horses. This unit applies to individuals who care for horses under broad direction in industries related to horses. Work environments may include stables, paddock and yards 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. No licensing or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.
Prerequisite Unit	Prerequisite units of competency for this unit are: • ACMEQU202 Handle horses safely
Unit Sector	Performance Horse (PHR)

Elements	Performance Criteria
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Maintain horse environment	1.1 Determine the individual needs of a horse and arrange housing to meet these needs 1.2 Identify hazards, carry out a risk assessment and take steps to minimise risk to ensure safety of self, horse and others 1.3 Clean stables and yards, ensuring bedding is replaced and stable equipment is checked, maintained and stored according to workplace procedures 1.4 Maintain a safe environment and housing for horses according to animal welfare and workplace requirements 1.5 Maintain records according to workplace requirements and industry codes of practice
2. Groom and rug a horse	2.1 Select, use and maintain personal protective equipment (PPE) 2.2 Identify hazards, assess risks and implement suitable controls while handling horses 2.3 Wash horse and remove excess water according to individual horse requirements 2.4 Groom horses according to industry practices and workplace requirements 2.5 Fit and remove rugs and rug accessories according to the requirements of the individual horse
3. Clip a horse	3.1 Select and prepare clipping equipment 3.2 Prepare horse for clipping, ensuring minimal stress and discomfort 3.3 Clip horse according to instructions and safe work practices and dispose of waste products according to workplace procedures 3.4 Clean equipment during and after clipping procedure, and store according to workplace requirements

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• Changes made and comments added inn blue text for SME feedback
• Element 1 needs to be compared with ACMHBR308
• Element 4 needs to be reworked with SME advice
• Element 5 has been completely rewritten
• FS updated
• Changes and comments added to PE, KE and AC for SMEs to check/comment

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Commented [TV6]: Washing is not covered in ACMHBR203 Provide daily care for horses,

Is a separate unit needed for washing, grooming and clipping horses?

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4. Prepare horses for work	4.1 Select and prepare horses for work according to stable roster 4.2 Identify and select horses by individual characteristics 4.3 Select correct working gear and check for wear and suitability 4.4 Fit working gear to horses safely and adjust where required 4.5 Care for horses after work according to industry practices and workplace requirements 4.6 Remove and clean working gear, report and action necessary repairs
5. Monitor and maintain a horse feeding program	5.1 Maintain and clean food storage areas and water supply, and keep free of contaminants 5.2 Prepare feed and feed supplements according to individual horse feeding plan 5.3 Distribute feed, observe horse condition and feeding patterns and report variations 5.4 Seek dietary advice and adjust diet and feeding practices as required 5.5 Monitor feed stock and replenish according to workplace procedures 5.6 Monitor feed quality, identify and isolate contaminated feed, and address causes of contamination according to workplace procedures

Comments in margin:

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• ACMEQU209 Provide non-riding exercises to horse (Element 1 Prepare horses for exercise)

•ACMEQU206 Perform horse riding skills at walk, trot and canter (Element 1 Prepare for horse riding activity)

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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	• Interpret textual information in workplace procedures, forms and work health and safety standards • Interpret key information in available from horse food supplement suppliers and horse dietary plans
Writing	• Record information accurately using industry terminology
Numeracy	• Estimate and calculate quantity, area, volume, ratio and percentage

Unit Mapping Information			
Code and title current version	**Code and title previous version**	**Comments**	**Equivalence status**
ACMPHR301 Care for performance horses			

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TITLE	**Assessment requirements for ACMPHR301 Care for performance horses**
Performance Evidence	
An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all the elements and performance criteria of this unit.	

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Performance Evidence

There must be evidence that the individual has safely and efficiently cared for at least two different compliant and manageable performance horses that have individual needs. The following tasks must be demonstrated for each horse:

- Identification of hazards, assess and controlling their risks
- Selected, fitted and used personal protective equipment (PPE) correctly
- maintaining feed quantity and quality, including:
    - stocktake and replenish feed supplies and supplements
    - identification and isolation of contaminated feed
    - identifying and reporting sources of contamination
- maintaining horse environments, including:
- cleaning horse accommodation, stable, and yard
- cleaning feed and water vessels and food handling tools and equipment used safe horse handling techniques
- washed, groomed and rugged and unrugged horse
- clipped a horse according to instructions and under supervision
- identifying and prepared horse for work according to stable routine
- fitting and removing working gear to horse:
- selecting working gear for horse
- fitting exercise boots and bandages
- checking, cleaning and storing working gear
- checking horse condition and providing post exercise care
- ~~feeding horse:~~
- ~~preparing hard feed~~
- ~~feeding stabled, yarded and paddocked horse~~
- ~~completing feeding records~~
- fed according to individual horse requirement, including:
    - prepared hard feed, mixed feeds and provided supplements
    - in stables, yards and paddock
    - monitored feeding patterns, horse condition and adjusted feeding plan based on dietary advice
    - completed feeding records
- completing stable records.

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Knowledge Evidence

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:

- key features of work health and safety (WHS) and animal welfare legislation
- risk identification, assessment and minimisation processes
- purpose and types of personal protective equipment for horse handling and care tasks
- characteristics of horse behaviour and basic horse education
- horse identification processes
- horse housing requirements, including environmental, security, physical, social, emotional and mental
- stable design and layout
- current industry practices for stable hygiene and basic biosecurity requirements
- stable work routines and scheduling of duties
- 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:
    - hay

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Knowledge Evidence

- • chaff
- • grain/pellets or other forms of concentrated feed
- • electrolyte and mineral supplements
- • bran
- • feed appetisers
- horse food and water storage requirements, including:
  - • 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
- equipment and techniques for:
  - • washing horses
  - • clipping
  - • grooming
- types, fitting and application of rugs and rug accessories
- use, fitting, checking, maintaining and storing working gear
- post-exercise horse care
- applying and monitoring feeding plans:
- feed types and supplements
  - • normal and abnormal eating and drinking patterns and behaviours
  - • behaviour of horses during group and individual feeding
  - • safe practices for feeding horses in groups
- workplace recordkeeping practices and procedures
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Key features of a horse feeding plan, including:

- •feed types and supplements
- •normal and abnormal eating and drinking patterns and behaviours
- •behaviour of horses during group and individual feeding
- •safe practices for feeding horses in groups
- •monitoring and adjustment
- •documentation and reporting

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 and materials:
  - • live, compliant and manageable performance horses specified in the performance
  - • personal protective equipment (PPE)
  - • feed and supplements for selected performance horses
  - • horse grooming, washing and clipping equipment
  - • tack and accessories required for caring for performance horses
  - • cleaning materials and equipment
- specifications:
  - • workplace procedures and feeding schedule for selected performance horses
  - • reporting forms or supervisor for reporting
- relationships:

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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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