

## Modification history

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

<b>ACMPHR303</b>	<b>Participate in horse events and activities</b>
<b>Application</b>	<p>This unit of competency covers the skills and knowledge required to prepare a horse and self to participate in horse events and/or activities. It includes presentation grooming, caring for horses at events, complying with rules and regulations of the event, managing deadlines and responsibilities, self-presentation, and basic sports psychology. It includes knowledge of potential risks associated with working with and around horses.</p> <p>This unit applies to individuals who care for horses under broad direction in industries related to horses and may have responsibility for highly valuable animals. Work in environments may include wash bays, grooming bays, yards and stables, which may also be at competition, event and sales venues or workplaces.</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>	Prerequisite units of competency for this unit are: <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. Prepare for events	1.1 Review event rules and conduct a pre-activity risk assessment for the event 1.2 Prepare horse prior to event using safe and low stress horse handling procedures 1.3 Clean and rug horse 1.4 Present horse for the event in line with workplace practices 1.5 Plan and organise event schedules and ensure equipment is cleaned and packed 1.6 Prepare horse for safe transport or movement to event location according to animal welfare legislation and supervisor instructions 1.7 Fit, remove, clean and store gear for event according to workplace practices
2. Care for horses at events	2.1 Ensure horses are fed, watered and rugged for conditions 2.2 Monitor horse health according to workplace procedures 2.3 Unpack and store equipment securely 2.4 Implement grooming and/or strapping program 2.5 Ensure horses are suitably and safely controlled and housed 2.6 Move horses safely among people and other horses using appropriate handling techniques 2.7 Ensure staff and surroundings are presented professionally 2.8 Assess and provide for horse needs following events

**Commented [TV1]:** • Element 3 completely rewritten  
• A few PCs changed and questions added seeking SME advice, especially in Element 1  
• FS updated  
• Questions added to the PE  
• Additions made to KE for SMEs to check

**Commented [TV2]:** Is this required in the unit?

**Commented [TV3]:** Should revised ACMEQU202 Handle horses safely still be a prerequisite for this unit?

**Commented [TV4]:** Need advice on the order of the PCs in this element.  
For example, should 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 be combined?  
Is 1.7 about the horse or handler/rider and should it be move higher?

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3. Provide support during event	3.1 Select required horse and competitor equipment according to event rules and regulations 3.2 Present horse and competitor at event locations on time according to event rules, dress code, official instructions and horse welfare guidelines 3.2 Assist competitors and colleagues before, during and after the event to ensure compliance with rules

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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 workplace procedures and equine event rules</li> </ul>
Oral communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use industry terminology to describe horse event requirements and activities</li> </ul>
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measure and calculate time, distance, area, volume and ratios</li> </ul>

**Commented [TV7]:** Please check the numeracy skills

Unit Mapping Information			
Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMPHR303 Participate in horse events and activities			
<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 ACMPHR303 Participate in horse events and activities
<b>Performance Evidence</b>	
An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all the elements and performance criteria of this unit.	
<p>There must be evidence that the individual has participated in at least two horse events and activities, handling at least two different compliant and manageable performance horses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>conducting a pre-activity risk assessment for participating in horse events and activities</li> <li>ensuring horses are treated gently and calmly to minimise stress and discomfort at all stages</li> <li>preparing a horse for show presentation, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>trimming a horse</li> <li>dressing hooves</li> <li>attiring horse and rider, driver and/or handler to suit industry performance requirements</li> <li>identifying and caring for gear and equipment relevant to event or activity</li> <li>grooming and/or strapping procedures relevant to event or activity</li> </ul> </li> <li>ensuring personal presentation is appropriate for event</li> <li>caring for horse during event, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>feeding, watering, housing, exercising, rugging, and health checks</li> <li>representing the stable professionally through presentation and management of operations throughout event</li> <li>preparing horses for transport</li> <li>loading and unloading horses</li> </ul> </li> <li>complying with official instructions.</li> </ul>	
<b>Knowledge Evidence</b>	
<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>reasons for trimming horses and factors affecting what to trim</li> <li>grooming and turnout appropriate to competition requirements</li> <li>personal presentation requirements</li> <li>equipment and tack selection and presentation</li> <li>key features of animal welfare and legal requirements related to horse transport</li> <li>time management</li> <li>caring for horses during an event</li> <li>key features of equine event formats, rules and regulations, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>times, location/s</li> <li>equipment guidelines</li> <li>prohibited substances, e.g. therapeutics, supplements</li> </ul> </li> <li>confidentiality requirements regarding individual horses</li> <li>animal welfare legislation guidelines</li> <li>basic sports psychology</li> <li>performance-related health issues, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>tying-up</li> <li>tendon strain</li> <li>fatigue</li> <li>dehydration.</li> </ul> </li> <li>signs of common horse injuries ailments and injuries</li> <li>key features of horse related biosecurity and infection control procedures</li> <li>common workplace health and safety requirements and practices relating hoof care, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>hazard identification, and risk assessment and risk control and reporting</li> <li>key requirements of work health and safety legislation</li> <li>types and purpose of personal protective equipment (PPE)</li> <li>handling horses and working with horses in confined spaces, arenas, and public spaces</li> <li>safe storage handling and disposal of medications, treatments, chemicals and cleaning agents</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

**Commented [TV8]:** Should these be different types of event?

**Commented [TV9]:** Each horse?

**Commented [TV10]:** Should this be according to event requirements?

**Commented [TV11]:** Is this referring to fitting gear to horses or grooming the horse coat?

**Commented [TV12]:** This should be moved lower down.  
How can this be assessed? Suggest clarifying or removing.

**Commented [TV13]:** Is this needed in this unit? If so, can it be defined to make it specific for this unit?

### Knowledge Evidence

- horse handling and restraint equipment used for preparing and presenting horses for events
- animal welfare relating to the safe, humane and ethical care of horses
- workplace horse health reporting systems and practices.

### 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 for performance in real competitions or event setting
- resources, equipment and materials:
  - live, compliant and manageable performance horses, as specified in the performance evidence
  - tack, grooming materials, tools and equipment including PPE suitable for the handler, horses and tasks specified in the performance evidence
- specifications:
  - competition or event rules required for the events selected in the performance evidence
  - workplace procedures and instructions for preparing horses for participation in events, including guidelines for the safe handling of horse at competitions or events.
- relationships:
  - team members.

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.

### Links

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