

## Modification history

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

<b>ACMPHR304</b>	<b>Ride and lead performance horses</b>
<b>Application</b>	<p>This unit of competency covers the skills and knowledge required to exercise performance horses under saddle. It involves preparing horses for exercise, riding a horse and leading one or two other horses for exercise while riding, and caring for the horses after work. It addresses potential risks associated with working with and around horses.</p> <p>The unit applies to individuals who are experienced riders and work in performance horse industry sectors in a range of environments. They carry out work under minimal supervision within industry guidelines and may have responsibility for highly valuable animals.</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 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>ACMEQU206 Perform basic horse riding skills at walk, trot and canter.</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 to exercise horses	1.1 Confirm with supervisor work program for selected horses 1.2 Select, check and maintain equipment according to workplace procedures 1.3 Check for hazards, carry out a pre-activity risk assessment and adjust work plan OR Identify hazards, assess their risks and adjust work plan to control risks 1.4 Select and correctly fit suitable personal protective equipment (PPE) 1.5 Identify individual horse behaviours and suitability to task 1.6 Follow stable routine for preparing horses for exercise 1.7 Fit working gear to horses according to instructions
2. Ride and lead horses for exercise	2.1 Hold reins according to industry standard 2.2 Maintain control of horse being ridden in walk, trot and canter 2.3 Maintain control of horse being ridden and horse being led in walk, trot and canter 2.4 Establish correct positioning of horses being ridden and led 2.5 Detect gait issues under saddle, and report according to workplace guidelines 2.6 Implement work according to instructions 2.7 Comply with relevant rules and regulations, including work health and safety (WHS) and animal welfare
3. Care for horses after work	3.1 Cool down and care for horses as instructed 3.2 Remove working gear, clean, check for signs of wear, and store 3.3 Report on work performance of horse according to workplace guidelines

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**Commented [T2]:** Seek advice on whether to retain, merge or remove this unit.

There have been no enrolments in this unit since 2017, and evidence will be needed from industry and RTO stakeholders to retain this unit.

The unit is an elective in the Cert II in Horse Care and Cert in III Performance Horse

Leading other horses is a major difference between this unit and ACMPHR201. Is it possible to merge this unit with ACMPHR201, being mindful that this unit reflects AQF level 3 and is for experienced riders?

- Minor changes and questions added in PCs seeking SME advice
- FS updated
- Minor changes and comments added in the in the PE, KE and AC

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**Commented [T5]:** Should revised ACMEQU202 Handle horses safely still be a prerequisite for this unit?

**Commented [T6]:** Is PC2.1 necessary? Can it be merged with other PCs?

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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 information relating to workplace procedures, instructions and work plan</li> </ul>
Oral communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use active listening and open and closed questions to clarify instructions</li> <li>Use industry terminology to describe horse exercise activities</li> </ul>

Unit Mapping Information			
Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMPHR304 Ride and lead performance horses			
Links	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 ACMPHR304 Ride and lead performance horses
<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 ridden and led compliant and manageable performance horses on at least three separate occasions, during which the following points have been demonstrated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>conducting a pre-activity risk assessment relevant to riding and leading performance horses</li> <li>using safe horse handling procedures</li> <li>selecting and fitting wearing and using appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)</li> <li>selecting, fitting and applying working gear and equipment for nominated horses</li> <li>applying required warm up methods to horses according to animal welfare requirements</li> <li>applying industry-accepted riding and leading techniques: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>maintaining correct rein position</li> <li>controlling horse under saddle at all times and maintaining appropriate gait</li> <li>controlling horse being led at the walk and trot</li> <li>maintaining correct positioning of horses</li> <li>identifying lameness and recognising signs of fatigue</li> </ul> </li> <li>caring for horses after the work, including grooming and cool down activities according to animal welfare requirements</li> <li>cleaning, checking and storing equipment</li> <li>identifying and reporting information following work on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>horse behaviour</li> <li>problems encountered</li> <li>physical response to exercise</li> </ul> </li> <li>complying with workplace procedures and relevant legislation, rules and regulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>work health and safety (WHS)</li> <li>animal welfare and biosecurity.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Knowledge Evidence</b>	
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:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>process for horse identification</li> <li>safety provisions for horses and riders, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>identifying and controlling risks and hazards associated with riding and leading performance horses</li> <li>safe horse handling techniques and zones</li> <li>low stress horse handling techniques</li> </ul> </li> <li>stable routines for preparing horses for work</li> <li>warm up and cool down routines</li> <li>key features of relevant rules and guidelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>work health and safety</li> <li>animal welfare</li> <li>biosecurity</li> <li>environmental safety</li> </ul> </li> <li>safe horse handling and riding techniques, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>responses to horses becoming over-excited</li> <li>positioning of horses relative to each other during exercise</li> <li>industry practice for use of reins</li> </ul> </li> <li>types and purpose of personal protective equipment (PPE) required for riding and leading performance horses</li> <li>types and purpose of gear for exercising horses, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>types and styles of saddles</li> <li>bits and bridles</li> <li>accessory tack for relevant sector or discipline</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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Do the horse being ridden need to be different horses?

Should a minimum duration or range of durations be added for these occasions?

**Commented [TV9]:** Is grooming required here?

**Commented [T10]:** Do hoof and horse shoe checking belong in here?

**Commented [T11]:** The list below in blue text is taken from the KE of ACMEQU207 Develop riding skills for exercising horses. Please check if these items are appropriate.

Knowledge Evidence	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>saddlecloths</li> <li>boots and bandages</li> <li>other strapping relevant to discipline</li> <li>characteristics of horse gaits.</li> </ul>	
Assessment Conditions	
<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 is hazard-free and suitable for riding and leading horses, and that accurately represents workplace conditions</li> </ul> </li> <li>resources, equipment and materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>various live, suitably educated, compliant and manageable horses assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual, where led horses are accustomed to being led off horseback individually and in multiples and ridden horses are trained to lead other horses</li> <li>personal protective equipment (PPE) correctly fitted and applicable to activity for the individual</li> <li>appropriate tack for individual, horse and exercise activity</li> </ul> </li> <li>specifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>workplace procedures, instructions and work program for horses.</li> </ul> </li> <li>relationships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>supervisor.</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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**Commented [T12]:** Need to check this statement as hazard free environments may not exist

**Commented [T13]:** Check this with SMEs - Supervisor mentioned in PC1.1