Modification history

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| Release | Comments |
| Release 1 | This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 5.0. |

| ACMEQU2X16 | Check and treat horses |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to carry out routine checks on horses, provide treatments under direction and assist others to provide medical treatment when required.  This unit applies to workers in industries involving horses, who undertake routine horse care tasks under supervision.  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, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication. |
| Prerequisite Unit | ACMEQU2X12 Handle horses safely |
| Unit Sector | Equine (EQU) |

| Elements | Performance Criteria |
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| Elements describe the essential outcomes. | Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. |
| 1. Carry out routine horse checks | 1.1 Confirm horse identification and supervisor instructions for horse health activities  1.2 Confirm hazards and risks with supervisor and minimise risks according to workplace procedures before handling horses  1.3 Select and correctly fit personal protective equipment (PPE) required for the task  1.4 Identify signs of good health and condition in horses  1.5 Check horse for signs of lameness, soreness, heat or swelling in legs, cuts and other signs of injury, illness and distress  1.6 Clean hooves and examine shoes for wear and damage and report faulty or loose shoes  1.7 Report signs of horse health, illness or injury to supervisor according to workplace procedures |
| 2. Carry out horse treatments | 2.1 Confirm horse identification and treatment requirements with supervisor  2.2 Confirm hazards and risks with supervisor and minimise risks according to workplace procedures before handling horses  2.3 Select and correctly fit PPE required for the task  2.4 Select, check and apply suitable gear and restraints to secure horse in preparation for treatment  2.5 Provide routine medications and treatments, and record according to workplace requirements  2.6 Assist others as directed to treat horses |

| 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. | |
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| Skill | Description |
| Reading | * Interpret key information in horse treatment product labels |
| Writing | * Record data and information about checking and treating horses accurately |
| Numeracy | * Estimate and calculate quantity, weight, temperature, volume and ratio |
| Oral communication | * Use active listening and questioning techniques to clarify and confirm supervisor instructions |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| ACMEQU2X16 Check and treat horses | ACMHBR201 Check and treat horses | Redesigned unit that includes content from ACMHBR201 Check and treat horses and ACMEQU203 Provide basic care of horses  Application updated and reference to assisting a veterinary removed.  Units sector changed from Horse Breeding to Equine  Performance Criteria revised and reordered for clarity  Previous Element 3 removed, and a Performance Criteria on assisting others with horse treatment added to revised Element 2  Foundation skills updated  Performance Evidence, Knowledge Evidence and Assessment Conditions updated | Not equivalent |
| ACMEQU2X16 Check and treat horses | ACMEQU203 Provide basic care of horses | Redesigned unit that includes content from ACMHBR201 Check and treat horses and ACMEQU203 Provide basic care of horses | Not equivalent |

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| Links | Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet:  <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103> |

| TITLE | Assessment requirements for ACMHBR2X16 Check and treat horses |
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| Performance Evidence | |
| An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria of this unit.  There must be evidence that the individual has checked and treated at least two suitably educated, calm, consistent and obedient horses. Each horse must be checked on three separate occasions. For each horse, the individual must have:   * confirmed hazards and minimised their risks while treating each horse according to supervisor instructions * performed duties around each horse using safe and low stress practices * checked horse breathing and discharges * monitored basic horse health and observing and identifying signs of: * ill health, injury or lameness * abnormal or depressed appetite * non-routine behaviour * cleaned and treated hooves and examining each horse for loose or damaged shoes * reported signs of illness or injury to supervisor * treated horses as directed, including: * administered oral and topical medications * bandaging a minor cut * assisted with the provision of first aid and/or other treatments, including: * provided simple restraint techniques through use of head collar, halter and lead and positioning of horses * followed instructions from the person directing the heath treatment * safely disposed of materials used for treatments according to workplace health, safety and biosecurity requirements * documented at least two different treatments provided to horses according to workplace requirements. | |

| Knowledge Evidence |
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| 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:   * animal welfare requirements, including ethical and humane treatment * industry terminology for points of horses * signs of common horse illness and injuries, including: * lameness or soreness * heat or swelling in legs * distress in horses * elevated body temperature * techniques for detecting signs of illness or injury * low stress and safe techniques for handling, leading and restraining injured and ill horses * safe and low stress horse handling techniques and zones when treating horses * routine horse health checks * first aid for minor injuries in horses * workplace reporting processes related to horse health * tools and equipment used when treating common horse injuries and diseases, including personal protective equipment (PPE) * recordkeeping systems * hazard identification, risk assessment and controls to minimise risks working with horses. |

| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency 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 horses specified in the performance evidence assessed as suitable for the assessment of this unit and the individual being assessed * tools, equipment and medications required to perform the tasks specified in the performance evidence, including PPE * appropriate gear for horses and tasks specified in the performance evidence * workplace recording and reporting formats * specifications: * workplace procedures and instruction for checking and treating horses specified in the performance evidence * relationships: * supervisor.   The Companion Volume: User Guide: Safety in Equine Training provides advice and sample templates to assist assessors with the risk assessments that should be undertaken to help ensure the safety of all others involved in the assessment.  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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