Modification history

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

| ACMEQU3X11 | Prepare horses for competition, presentation or sale |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to prepare a well-educated, calm, consistent and obedient horse for presentation in sales, competition or events. It involves washing, grooming and coat trimming horses, and cleaning and fitting horse gear.  This unit applies to workers who apply specialised knowledge, judgement and skills to interpret horse presentation standards and prepare horses for events. The work under broad direction and may have responsibility for highly valuable animals. Work environments may include wash bays, grooming bays, yards and stables, which may also be at competition, event and sales venues.  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, except for the racing industry, where requirements vary between states and territories. Users working in the racing industry are advised to contact the relevant Principal Racing Authority for advice on current requirements. |
| 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. Plan presentation requirements | 1.1 Confirm purpose of event or activity, and the horses requiring preparation  1.2 Identify the different grooming standards for competition, event or sale requirements  1.3 Confirm the timeframes for completing grooming tasks, and feeding and watering schedule for the event  1.4 Identify hazards, assess and control risks related to horse handling and preparation, and the environment for the event  1.5 Select and correctly fit personal protective equipment (PPE) required for horse handling  1.6 Confirm, check and clean horse gear and equipment required  1.7 Adjust the fit of gear to horse prior to event  1.8 Check hoof and shoe condition and report any abnormalities  1.9 Prepare event grooming equipment and gear |
| 2. Wash horse | 2.1 Select and correctly fit PPE required for horse washing  2.2 Select appropriate washing products according to coat type, condition and colour  2.3 Identify hazards and assess and control the risks related to leading, restraining and washing horse in wash bay  2.4 Secure horse in wash bay and safely wash according to requirements, taking care around horse head and ears  2.5 Dry horse using appropriate scraping and drying tools  2.6 Safely remove horse from wash bay |
| 3. Groom horse to presentation standard | 3.1 Identify hazards, assess and control their risk  3.2 Select and correctly fit PPE required for grooming  3.3 Select and prepare required grooming equipment according to competition or horse breed standard requirements  3.4 Position, secure and groom horse using safe and low stress techniques  3.5 Groom to remove loose hair and encourage the coat to lay flat and detangle mane and tail  3.6 Identify signs of horse illness, injury or abnormal behaviour during grooming and action as required  3.7 Clean, store and maintain grooming tools and PPE |
| 4. Trim coat to maintain established style | 4.1 Confirm trimming requirements according to breed standard  4.2 Identify electrical and other hazards and assess and control the risks related to restraining and trimming horse  4.3 Select and correctly fit PPE required for coat trimming  4.4 Select and use appropriate horse trimming tools safely to trim horse to required style and standards  4.5 Apply safe handling and positioning techniques when using scissors, clippers and blades around horse  4.6 Trim tail length and dock hair thickness  4.7 Trim mane and thin if required  4.8 Trim bridle path and wither to the established trim pattern  4.9 Trim jaw line, muzzle, outside ear, leg and feathers to enhance the basic conformation without compromising horse welfare  4.10 Clean and complete basic maintenance of trimming tools |
| 4. Plait mane and tail using low stress practices | 5.1 Confirm the style of plaiting and number of plaits to be created  5.2 Identify hazards and assess and control the risks related to restraining and plaiting horse  5.3 Select and correctly fit PPE required for plaiting  5.4 Select and use appropriate horse plaiting tools safely to plait horse to required style and standards  5.5 Apply safe handling and positioning techniques when using scissors, needles and other blades around horses  5.6 Divide the mane and plait down to produce plaits of even thickness  5.7 Run up plaits and forelock in the required style and secure  5.8 Use grooming techniques and products to encourage mane and tail hair to lay flat  5.9 Groom and braid tail as required to meet presentation standard |
| 6. Complete final grooming | 6.1 Apply grooming products to highlight the coat  6.2 Apply face and leg makeup to enhance features and remove stains  6.3 Apply quarter marks that enhance horse conformation  6.4 Dress hooves to comply with event requirements  6.5 Complete final check and wipe over  6.6 Present horse to handler, rider and/or driver |

| 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 | * Accurately interpret horse breed grooming standards and grooming product labels |
| Writing | * Enter data and information accurately into workplace records |
| Numeracy | * Estimate and calculate quantity, volume and ratio |
| Oral communication | * Use active listening and questioning to clarify instructions * Use industry terminology to describe horse breed or grooming standards and grooming techniques |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| ACMEQU3X11 Prepare horses for competition, presentation or sale | ACMEQU211 Prepare horses for competition, presentation or sale | Unit code AQF level indicator changed from 2 to 3 outcomes to reflect revised unit outcomes, including knowledge of horse breed presentation standards  Element 2 (Wash and groom) split into two elements for clarity  Several Performance Criteria revised for clarity  Previous Elements 6 and 7 removed  Foundation skills updated  Performance Evidence, Knowledge Evidence and Assessment Conditions updated | Not equivalent |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for ACMEQU3X11 Prepare horses for competition, presentation or sale |
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| Performance Evidence | |
| An individual demonstrating competency in this unit must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria of this unit.  There must be evidence that the individual prepared at least three well-educated, calm, consistent and obedient horses for presentation for two different settings or events, selected from:   * sales * dressage * show horse * show jumping * in hand competitions * driving * polo * western or heavy horse * other horse event or competitions organised by recognised horse organisation or association.   A total of three presentations is required and in preparing the horses for the presentations, the individual must have:   * identified hazards, assessed and controlled and/or reported their risks * selected, checked, fitted, used and maintained gear and equipment, including personal protective equipment (PPE) * washed, groomed, coat trimmed and geared-up horses using safe and low stress horse handling practices, including horse and handler positioning * performed pre- and post-event grooming and washing procedures according to event requirements and workplace procedures * trimmed horse coats using at least three of the following: * scissors * small trimming clippers * razors * thinning combs * blades * demonstrated horse mane and tail techniques to: * even out the thickness and length of manes and tails using manual pulling or thinning blades * prepare horses for at least two documented presentation standards * selected and applied shampoos, other grooming products and makeup according to coat type and presentation requirements * checked horse for signs of ill health and injury and reported and documented 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:   * typical competition show or sale event procedures for two horse events selected in the performance evidence * grooming requirements and techniques for at least two different horse breed standards and related to event or competition requirements * horse gear requirements and fitting techniques for at least two different horse breed standards and related event or competition requirements * hazard identification, risk assessment and control for horse washing, grooming, coat trimming * safe and low stress horse handling techniques, practices and zones for grooming horses * type and purpose of PPE for grooming horses * purpose and use of horse grooming tools and products, including: * manufacturer instructions, including safety and preoperational checks * cleaning and maintenance requirements * potential impact on horse welfare * signs of horse distress during washing and grooming * potential biosecurity and horse health hazards at competition and sale venues, and ways to minimise the risks * horse health checks prior to participation in competitions, events or sales, including infectious diseases * styles including rosette, sewn, running and tail plaiting and application techniques * styles of quarter marks and application techniques * mane and tail trimming techniques and equipment used to: * even out the thickness and length of manes and tails using manual pulling and thinning blades * measure and trim tail length * hog manes and false tail. |

| 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 * horse gear, grooming materials, tools and equipment suitable for the tasks specified in the performance evidence * workplace recording and reporting formats * specifications: * documented presentation requirements or standards for the horses and horse events selected in the performance evidence * workplace procedures and instructions for grooming horses for presentation at events.   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 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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