

Modification history

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

ACMNEW4X3	Provide horse clipping services
Application	<p>This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to clip horses according to agreed client or carer requirements. It also covers the care and maintenance of clipping equipment.</p> <p>The unit applies to individuals who perform clipping and grooming services for clients and carers. They work autonomously, take responsibility for their own work and apply specialised horse grooming knowledge and skills to provide and communicate solutions for predictable and unpredictable problems.</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>
Prerequisite Unit	Nil
Unit Sector	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 horse clipping	1.1 Confirm horse clipping requirements and style with carer or client 1.2 Clarify information about horse behaviour, reaction to clipping and potential safety risks 1.3 Determine a clipping plan taking into consideration client, horse and safety requirements 1.4 Select equipment to meet clip requirements and undertake equipment pre-operational safety checks 1.5 Select safe area for clipping and appropriate horse restraints 1.6 Select and correctly fit personal protective equipment appropriate for activity
2. Assess horse behaviour and need for sedation	2.1 Determine need for sedation to carry out clipping plan considering health and safety requirements and equine welfare and comfort 2.2 Follow appropriate protocols and relevant state/territory legislation relating to sedation and collaborate with a registered veterinarian, if sedation is assessed as necessary
3. Clip horse	3.1 Approach, handle and restrain horse using safe, low stress techniques according to animal welfare, and health and safety requirements 3.2 Wash horse or confirm horse is clean 3.3 Mark up area to be clipped for partial clips as required 3.4 Accustom horse to clippers prior to commencing 3.5 Use appropriate equipment and technique to clip horse coat and specific body areas 3.6 Recognise when horse behaviour indicates potential safety risk or need to discontinue clipping 3.7 Monitor and maintain health and safety for self and others, and horse welfare, during the activity

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4. Finalise horse clipping	4.1 Brush, hose or wash horse at completion of clipping to remove loose hair and apply conditioning products if required 4.2 Plait horse mane or tail, as required 4.3 Care for horse after clipping according to horse needs and workplace practice 4.4 Clean and maintain clipping equipment in a condition appropriate for future use and according to manufacturer instructions 4.5 Clean and tidy work area and dispose of waste taking into consideration health and safety, environmental and biosecurity requirements 4.6 Handover horse to carer or client and complete records and transactions

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
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete workplace documentation using industry terminology in print-based and/or digital format
Oral communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use appropriate tone, pace, and listening and questioning techniques to clarify information
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use mathematical concepts to calculate or estimate time and cost

Unit Mapping Information			
Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMNEW4X3 Provide horse clipping services	Not applicable	The unit has been created to address a skill or task required by industry that is not covered by an existing unit	Newly created

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TITLE	Assessment requirements for ACMNEW4X3 Provide horse clipping services
Performance Evidence	
<p>An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.</p> <p>There must be evidence that the individual has clipped at least four horses, within industry accepted timeframes, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • performed a full body clip, including legs, head and ears on one horse • performed two partial clips on two different horses selected from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunter clip - all hair removed except for legs and with or without saddle pad • Blanket clip - hair left on legs and back (exercise sheet) • Trace or Chaser clip - hair left on back, head and legs • Irish clip - remove hair from areas around neck and armpits - where horse sweats • Bib or Strip clip - removes small amount of hair from front of neck and chest • performed an artistic clip on one horse • demonstrated safe, low stress horse handling techniques with each horse. 	
Knowledge Evidence	
<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"> • health and safety hazards and controls when working in close proximity with horses, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • risks to horses, self and others and how these are controlled • use of safe, low stress handling techniques • selection and use of personal protective equipment (PPE) • hygiene and infection control • zoonotic and infectious diseases, including those caused by bacteria, fungi, parasites and viruses • responsibilities under relevant health and safety and animal welfare legislation and codes of practice • principles of horse clipping, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • different types of clip and when they are used, including full and partial types • reasons for clipping horses • methods of restraint used during clipping • how to introduce horses to clipping • clipping techniques relating to hair growth and specific body parts • how to clip awkward areas and leg lines • injuries relating to clipping for horses and handler/groomer • techniques for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • laying, plaiting or pulling a mane • plaiting, trimming or pulling a tail • clipping a bridle path, feathers, ears and jowl • techniques for clipping horses in different weather conditions, including cold weather, high winds and extreme heat • indicators of horse behaviour and how to anticipate and deal with horses that are difficult to clip or manage • importance of efficient clipping and industry accepted timeframes • issues relating to equine sedation (chemical restraint), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • state/territory legislative requirements relating to the administration of sedation to equines • role and responsibilities of registered veterinarians • consideration of equine patient status – breed, age, condition, pain, pregnancy, stallions • time to take effect and duration period • equine behaviour and responses to sedation and recovery • safe techniques and routes of administration for different situations • administration devices, including pole-operated syringes • impact and limitations of sedatives and anaesthesia • sedation risks to equine and handlers • clipping equipment and products, including: 	

Knowledge Evidence	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • types of clippers, blades and clipper oil • shampoo, oils, conditioning and finishing products • electrical cords and safety products • horse rugs, blankets or protection • use and maintenance of clipping and trimming equipment use of for clipping and trimming equipment. 	
Assessment Conditions	
<p>Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • physical conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an equine workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions • resources, equipment and materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • live horses as specified in the performance evidence and assessed as suitable for the experience and skills of the individual • horse gear and restraints • clipping tools and blades • shampoo, oils, conditioning and finishing products • electrical cords and safety products • horse rugs, blankets or protection • PPE appropriate for handler and activity • specifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • manufacturer operating instructions for clipping equipment • relationships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • client/s or carer/s. <p>The <i>Companion Volume: User Guide: Safety in Equine Training</i> 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.</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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