Modification history

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| Release | Comments |
| Release 1 | This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 2.0 |

| AHCLSK337 | Train, care for and ride horses for stock work |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to handle, ride and train horses to muster, move and separate livestock. It covers caring for horses and equipment, and addresses the potential risks associated with working with and around horses and livestock.This unit applies to individuals who have experience working in the livestock industry and in riding educated, compliant and manageable horses to muster and check stock on grazing properties. Work is normally carried out independently, under broad direction according to workplace procedures.No occupational licensing or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.Work health and safety and animal welfare legislation relevant to interacting with horses applies to workers in this industry. Requirements vary between industry sectors and state/territory jurisdictions. Users are advised to check with the relevant authority for specific requirements.NOTE: The terms 'occupational health and safety' (OHS) and 'work health and safety' (WHS) generally have the same meaning in the workplace. In jurisdictions where the national model WHS legislation has not been implemented, RTOs must contextualise the unit of competency by referring to current OHS legislative requirements. |
| Prerequisite Unit | The prerequisite unit of competency for this unit is:* AHCLSK218 Ride educated horses to carry out basic stock work

Note the following chain of prerequisites that also applies to this unit.

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| Unit of competency | Prerequisite requirement |
| AHCLSK218 Ride educated horses to carry out basic stock work | ACMEQU202 Handle horses safelyACMEQU206 Perform horse riding skills at walk, trot and canter  |
| ACMEQU202 Handle horses safely | ACMEQU205 Apply knowledge of horse behaviour |
| ACMEQU206 Perform horse riding skills at walk, trot and canter | ACMEQU202 Handle horses safely |

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| Unit Sector | Livestock (LSK) |

| 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. Prepare horses for work | 1.1 Select, use and maintain appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)1.2 Select, muster, or bring from paddock, and assess the suitability of the horse for the task1.3 Catch and handle horses safely and humanely1.4 Check horse health, soundness, and fitness level to ensure it is capable to complete the work required1.5 Select, check, and maintain working equipment, according to instructions1.6 Groom horse prior to exercise or work1.7 Fit working gear to individual horse |
| 2. Train horses for stock work | 2.1 Identify and assess risks, and implement risk controls associated with horse riding and horse training2.2 Assess current level of education of the horse2.3 Train horse to calmly carry out required movements for working stock, including stops, turns and rollbacks2.4 Train horse to work and control a mob of livestock as a whole2.5 Train horse to safely handle a single beast and to return it to the mob safely according to industry practices2.6 Train horse to separate a beast from a mob as instructed and according to industry practices2.7 Train horse to calmly accept a stock whip being used by the rider, if required by the workplace, according to industry practices2.8 Train horse to work with working dogs where required by workplace2.9 Utilise agreed emergency procedures when training horses in required safety movements, including one-rein stops |
| 3. Ride horses to carry out stock work | 3.1 Interpret work program to determine work to be undertaken, and confirm with management3.2 Select horses for the task, taking into consideration task requirements and own skill level3.3 Catch and handle horses safely and humanely3.4 Practise and reinforce training of horse while carrying out routine stock work3.5 Take corrective action to re-train horse where necessary |
| 4. Provide post ride care and maintain saddlery and equipment | 4.1 Remove gear, and groom, wash and/or clean horse according to industry practices4.2 Water and feed horse in line with workplace procedures and safe work practices4.3 Release horse safely to appropriate enclosure, paddock or yard4.4 Check, clean, maintain and store working gear4.5 Repair working gear according to industry practices4.6 Apply the workplace’s biosecurity and sustainability policies |
| 5. Maintain horse health and condition | 5.1 Monitor horses as a part of daily routines to identify signs of ill health, injury and poor condition5.2 Muster or catch horses in need of attention, and report and record condition in line with workplace procedures5.3 Administer prescribed treatments for common ailments, under supervision of the veterinarian or manager5.4 Safely check horse legs and feet, safely clean out feet, and correctly identify lameness and potential causes for lameness5.5 Organise shoeing according to workplace procedures |

| Foundation SkillsThis 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 | * Comprehend information in workplace documentation
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| Writing | * Record data and observations about horses in workplace forms accurately
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| Navigate the world of work | * Follow industry guidelines and workplace procedures, including safe work and safe horse handling practices and animal welfare principles, relevant to own role
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| Interact with others | * Follow accepted communication practices and protocols for reporting issues to management using accurate industry terminology
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| Get the work done | * Plan, sequence and prioritise multiple tasks, and assemble equipment to complete activities, taking safety and risk factors into consideration
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| Unit Mapping Information |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| AHCLSK337 Train, care for and ride horses for stock work | AHCLSK336 Educate, care for and ride horses for stock work (Release 2) | Unit and assessment requirement content changed to clarify safety requirements and intent of unitAddition of foundation skills descriptions | Equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for AHCLSK337 Train, care for and ride horses for stock work |
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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 has cared for, ridden and trained at least two different horses for stock work. The following points must be demonstrated for each horse:* identifying work health and safety hazards and implementing safe work procedures
* selecting and maintaining saddlery and equipment
* handling and preparing horses for riding and livestock work
* using calm and humane handling methods to minimise undue stress and risk to horses, handlers, and livestock according to animal welfare requirements
* developing a working relationship with the horse or horses in own care
* monitoring health and condition of horses, including carrying out basic hoof care and cleaning
* identifying signs of ill health, injury, or poor condition and administering basic treatments
* training horses to:
* calmly carry out required movements for working stock, including safety movements, stops, turns and rollbacks
* work and control a mob of livestock as a whole
* riding, controlling and stopping the horse to carry out checking, mustering and moving livestock as part of property operations
* assessing and monitoring horse behaviour during riding activities and taking corrective action if required
* completing post-ride activities including:
* cleaning, feeding and watering horse
* checking and maintaining tack
* completing records as required by workplace.
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| 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:* common horse colours and markings, gender and other identifying features
* horse movement and behavioural characteristics, and learning theories relevant to stock work
* livestock behaviour and how this is utilised to minimise stress for horse and livestock
* relevant industry standards and practices, and workplace procedures and guidelines for horse riding and riding safety, including lungeing, riding in a yard before riding outside, and one-rein stops
* approaches to horse education for stock work and associated learning theories
* basic care husbandry and management procedures for horses
* common signs of unsoundness, including injury, disease, work stress or other disorders in horses
* basic anatomy and physiology of the horse
* use of horses for workplace operations
* care and maintenance of working gear
* horse conformation and work readiness or level of education
* horse handling and riding techniques
* key requirements of work health and safety and animal welfare regulations, and codes of practice relevant to working and interacting with horses.
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| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:* physical conditions:
* a workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions containing livestock handling facilities
* resources, equipment and materials:
* various live, suitably educated, compliant and manageable horses to be trained for stock work and assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
* livestock to use in training horses
* appropriate tack for individual, horse and stock work activity
* personal protective equipment (PPE) correctly fitted and applicable to activity for the individual
* specifications:
* work instructions and workplace procedures for training, caring for and riding horses for stock work.

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. |

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