Modification history

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| Release | Comments |
| Release 2 | This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 3.0. |
| Release 1 | This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 1.0. |

| ACMFAR301 | Handle equines safely during farriery services |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to identify and assess equine behaviour and catch and control equines for farriery work.The unit applies to individuals who have experience in handling equines and use specialised knowledge and technical skills to perform farriery services across different equine industry sectors.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. |
| Prerequisite Unit | Nil |
| Unit Sector | Farriery (FAR) |

| 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. Assess equine behaviours and level of education before handling | 1.1 Assess hazards in the environment and potential risks to self, others and the equine, and take steps to minimise1.2 Identify and respond to equine behaviour using knowledge of horse behaviour, senses, and equine communication methods1.3 Determine the level of education of the equine1.4 Observe equine to identify factors that cause the equine’s behaviour to change 1.5 Proceed with farriery services after considering equine behaviour and level of education and environment |
| 2. Identify, catch and control an equine | 2.1 Identify and isolate the equine using safe handling techniques2.2 Use gear for catching, handling and controlling equines including personal protective equipment2.3 Create and maintain a calm and reassuring climate for the equine following animal welfare principles2.4 Catch, handle, and control the equine safely |
| 3. Control an equine during farrier service | 3.1 Select appropriate equipment or methods to safely restrain the equine3.2 Identify, minimise and respond to nervous behaviours from equines3.3 Take evasive or humane corrective action to avoid personal danger3.4 Warn others of risk when any adverse reaction from an equine is anticipated |

| 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 |
| Navigate the world of work | * Follow workplace procedures, including work health and safety, and animal welfare requirements, relating to own role and work area
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| Interact with others | * Work cooperatively with others using clear communication techniques to support achievement of work outcomes
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| Get the work done | * Assemble resources and follow clearly defined practices to approach, catch, lead and handle equines safely
* Make decisions about safety risks and take action to control risks within own work area or role
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| Unit Mapping Information |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| ACMFAR301 Handle equines safely during farriery services | ACMFAR301 Handle equines safely during farriery services | Minor edits to performance criteria for clarity | Equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for ACMFAR301 Handle equines safely during farriery services |
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| Performance Evidence |
| An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit. There must be evidence that the individual safely handled at least three compliant and manageable equines, including:* identified and assessed equine behaviour and level of education before commencing services
* identified, caught and controlled equines in a safe and humane manner
* handled equines safely and humanely while performing farriery services
* followed safe work practices for interacting with equines.
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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 equine behaviour and social traits, including behaviours that indicate an equine is nervous
* factors that might influence a range of equine behaviours
* types and purpose of different items of handling equipment including personal protective equipment
* safe equine handling and communication techniques and safe zones
* safe work practices related to farriery services
* animal welfare principles and practices relevant to farriery services.
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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 simulated environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting
* resources, equipment and materials:
* various compliant and manageable equines assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
* gear and equipment for activity, including appropriate equine tack
* personal protective equipment applicable for activity, for the individual.

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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