Modification history

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

| ACMFAR3XX | Trim and dress equine hooves |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to handle equines safely, trim the foot surface by cutting and rasping, and rasping (dressing) the outside of the foot wall.  The unit applies to individuals who take responsibility for their own work and apply knowledge and practical skills to trim and dress equine hooves as part of the hoof care plan.  No 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 | 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. Prepare to trim and dress equine hooves | 1.1 Carry out a basic risk assessment of equine behaviour and environmental hazards and take steps to control risks  1.2 Prepare and set up tools and equipment  1.3 Select a safe handling and control method suitable for the individual equine |
| 2. Assess hoof condition | 2.1 Adopt a safe working position for self and equine balance and comfort  2.2 Lift, hold and clean equine feet to assess hoof condition  2.3 Remove shoes safely using appropriate tools and methods if equine is shod  2.4 Assess the wear patterns of the shoes, where equine is shod, to inform future hoof care plan  2.5 Examine the hoof thoroughly checking for damage and foreign objects |
| 3. Trim and dress equine hooves safely | 3.1 Select appropriate trimming technique for individual equine  3.2 Use appropriate tools and technique to trim and dress fore and hind hooves  3.3 Trim and dress hooves within limits of safe trimming margins according to hoof care plan and industry standards  3.4 Apply hoof treatment medication or products, according to the hoof care plan or veterinarian instructions  3.5 Recognise conditions that require referral to a registered veterinarian |
| 4. Carry out post hoof trimming activities | 4.1 Review finished work against hoof care plan  4.2 Assess gait and discuss any changes to initial assessment with equine owner or carer  4.3 Provide advice on workload levels, environment and diet that impact on equine welfare as part of the hoof care plan  4.4 Ensure working area is tidy and free of hazards and tools are cleaned and stored safely  4.5 Confirm future visits with client and finalise business transactions |

| 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 |
| Oral communication | * Use questioning and active listening techniques to participate in conversations with equine owners or carers providing clear and firm advice relating to equine hoof care plan, health and welfare |
| Navigate the world of work | * Follow industry procedures and codes of practice, including safety and animal welfare requirements, relating to own role and work area * Demonstrate duty of care to self and others when interacting with equines |
| Get the work done | * Plan, organise and sequence tasks, and assemble tools to carry out trimming and dressing, taking safety and risk factors into consideration * Assess equine hoof condition and deal with contingencies relating to trimming and dressing equine hooves |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| ACMFARXX Trim and dress equine hooves | Not applicable | New unit | No equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for ACMFAR3XX Trim and dress equine hooves |
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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 has:   * trimmed and dressed the fore and hind limbs of at least four equines of different ages, and work or discipline requirements * provided advice on trimming and dressing to the carer or owner of each equine by discussing the hoof care plan. | |

| 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:   * safe handling techniques and position for trimming and dressing equine hooves * importance of foot balancing when trimming and dressing * purpose of trimming and dressing equine hooves * limits of safe trimming and dressing and reasons why these must not be exceeded * how to recognise irregularities in basic equine movement and gaits * tools and techniques for trimming and dressing equine hooves, including for: * fore and hind feet * shod and unshod/barefoot equines * effects of trimming and dressing on the stance and movement of the equine * features and variables of hoof/foot care plans, relating to: * equine age * type of equine * work activity and load * performance discipline * environment and/or diet * role and effect of products or devices designed to improve foot health * role of topical hoof care products, including: * how to use or apply * their advantages and disadvantages * restrictions on advice that can be given - avoiding perceptions of diagnostic or treatment advice which must be given by veterinarians * relevant regulations, codes of practice and workplace procedures to relating to handling techniques for trimming and dressing, including: * work health and safety and safe work practices * biosecurity and infection control * animal welfare principles, practices and ethics. |

| 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 * resources, equipment and materials: * various live equines to trim and dress hooves including equines of different ages, and work or discipline requirements * tools and equipment for trimming and dressing * relationships: * carer or owner or appropriate role play scenario, for providing advice about equine hoof care pan.   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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