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Modification History

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

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to safely load and unload horses onto and from horse transport vehicles.

The unit applies to workers who undertake routine work under supervision and apply knowledge and judgement to solve predictable issues when loading and unloading horses. Work environments may include stables, paddocks, yards, tracks, event venues and public areas.

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.

Pre-requisite Unit

ACMEQU212 Handle horses safely

Unit Sector

Equine (EQU)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Prepare to load horse	1.1 Confirm horse to be loaded, transport vehicle, horse gear and other individual horse requirements with supervisor

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	1.2 Check transport vehicle in readiness for loading horse
	1.3 Identify hazards, and assess and control and/or report risks prior to loading horse
	1.4 Select and fit personal protective equipment (PPE) for loading and unloading horse
	1.5 Select and check gear and equipment required for loading and transporting, and fit gear to horse
2. Load horse	2.1 Load horse safely onto transport vehicle using safe and low stress handling techniques
	2.2 Position horse in vehicle according to horse requirements and transport configuration
	2.3 Confirm horse is safely secured in vehicle
3. Unload horse	3.1 Prepare location to secure horse after unloading
	3.2 Fit gear to horse if required, unload horse from vehicle and lead to secure location using safe and low stress handling techniques
	3.3 Remove horse travel gear if required
	3.4 Inspect horse for signs of injury, illness or distress, and report horse condition to supervisor
	3.5 Clean horse gear, equipment and transport vehicle, and report maintenance issues as required

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.

Skill	Description
Numeracy	• Estimate and measure distance, area, weight, temperature and time
Oral communication	• Use active listening and questioning techniques to clarify and confirm supervisor instructions • Use industry terminology to describe horses, gear, equipment and vehicles used for horse transport

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMEQU217 Load and unload horses	ACMEQU202 Handle horses safely	Redesigned unit that includes content from Element 3 of previous unit	Not equivalent

Links

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