

Title	Identify conformation, action, and lameness of horses		
Level	3	Credits	3

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: identify horse's conformation and describe the effect of conformation faults on the structure, function and performance of the horse; assess horse's action and identify conformation faults that may affect action; and identify and report lameness in horses.
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Classification	Equine > Equine Care
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation and code of welfare relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
 - Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys 2018, available at <http://www.mpi.govt.nz>; and any subsequent amendments.
- 2 Definition
Workplace procedures – the procedures and standards set by the client or employing organisation. Workplace procedures should reflect equipment manufacturer's requirements, and current legislation.
- 3 For the purposes of assessment:
 - evidence must be presented in accordance with workplace procedures.
 - assessment for the practical components of this unit standard must be supplied from a commercial horse enterprise.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Identify horse's conformation and describe the effect of conformation faults on the structure, function and performance of the horse.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Identify head and neck conformation in relation to breed and use.

Range evidence of at least four features is required.

- 1.2 Identify body conformation in relation to breed and use.
Range evidence of at least six features is required.
- 1.3 Identify leg conformation in relation to breed and use.
Range evidence of at least six features is required.
- 1.4 Identify hoof conformation in relation to breed and use.
Range evidence of at least four features is required.
- 1.5 Describe the ways in which conformational faults affect the structure, function, and performance of the horse.

Outcome 2

Assess horse's action and identify conformation faults that may affect action.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Assess horse's action.
Range on a lead or moving freely;
assess – soundness, straightness, tracking up.
- 2.2 Identify conformation faults that may affect horse's action.
Range evidence of at least five faults is required.

Outcome 3

Identify and report lameness in horses.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Identify the lame limb by observation of a horse's action.
- 3.2 Describe methods used to determine the site of lameness.
Range observation, touch.
- 3.3 Identify external foot problems which may cause lameness and describe their probable cause.
Range evidence of at least four foot problems is required.
- 3.4 Report lameness to the supervisor.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	0018
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

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