

Title	Prepare a horse for show		
Level	2	Credits	3

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is for people involved with presenting horses at competition, sales, or shows.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: wash the horse; trim the horse's mane, forelock, tail, stray hairs, and areas of long hair in a manner that causes least discomfort for the horse; plait the mane and present the horse's tail; finish the horse to enhance its general appearance; and remove plaits and brush out mane and tail.</p>
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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 relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
 - Animal Welfare Act 1999;
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
 - Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys.
- 2 Performance of all aspects of this unit standard should comply with the *Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys*, available at www.mpi.govt.nz.
- 3 For this unit standard, the practical assessment evidence must be provided in the context of a commercial business operation under normal working conditions.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Wash the horse.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Restrain horse, using a quick release knot, in a manner which enables it to stand in a comfortable position.

- 1.2 Wash horse to remove dirt and loose hair in a manner that causes least discomfort for the horse, and maintain control of the horse at all times.

Range body, mane, tail, legs.

- 1.3 Remove excess water from horse's body using a sweat scraper, and towel dry the horse, in a manner that causes least discomfort for the horse, maintaining control of the horse at all times.

Outcome 2

Trim the horse's mane, forelock, tail, stray hairs, and areas of long hair in a manner that causes least discomfort for the horse.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Trim mane to a length of 10cm to 20cm, from bridle path to wither, taking small numbers of hairs at each pull.
- 2.2 Trim forelock level with the horse's eyes.
- 2.3 Trim stray hairs along each side of the tail bone.
- 2.4 Trim tail evenly across the bottom to enhance its appearance.
- 2.5 Trim areas of long hair evenly using a comb and scissors.

Range hairs on heel, hairs on lower jaw, bridle path.

Outcome 3

Plait the mane and present the horse's tail.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Divide mane, plait, roll up, and secure in a manner that enhances the shape of the horse's neck.

Range plait using – cotton and matching thread, rubber bands.

- 3.2 Present tail in a manner which enhances the horse and is appropriate for the occasion.

Range may include but is not limited to – plaited, pulled, trimmed.

Outcome 4

Finish the horse to enhance its general appearance.

Performance criteria

4.1 Mark hindquarters to enhance the shape of the horse.

Range brush and water, stencil.

4.2 Dress hooves to protect the hoof surface and to enhance appearance.

Range hoof wall, sole.

Outcome 5

Remove plaits and brush out mane and tail.

Performance criteria

5.1 Remove plaits, and brush mane and tail out in a manner that causes least discomfort to the horse.

Range first available opportunity following event.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	28 October 1994	31 December 2022
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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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