

Title	Care for a horse's paddock, and horses in a paddock		
Level	3	Credits	6

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: demonstrate knowledge of paddock maintenance to obtain optimum feeding potential, and provide supplementary feeding when pasture fails to meet horses' requirements; maintain paddock facilities to ensure safety and working efficiency; and manage horses in a paddock.
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Classification	Equine > Equine Care
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, and its subsequent amendments.
- 2 Stable procedures are the documented practices and polices required within a particular workplace, and do not contravene the Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for the Welfare of Horses (Wellington: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, 1993) or available at <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/animal-welfare/codes/horses/index.htm>.
- 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

Demonstrate knowledge of paddock maintenance to obtain optimum feeding potential, and provide supplementary feeding when pasture fails to meet horses' requirements.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Methods of managing pasture to meet maintenance levels of horses' feeding requirements are described.

Range	includes but is not limited to – pasture species mix, weeds and poisonous plants, stocking rate, seasonal variations, fertiliser application, rotational grazing.
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- 1.2 Situations when supplementary feeding is necessary to meet horses' nutritional requirements are described.
- 1.3 Techniques for minimising the spread of parasites between paddocked horses using a combination of mechanical and other methods are explained.
- Range includes but is not limited to – harrowing, picking up manure, stock rotation, paddock resting, manure testing.
- 1.4 Methods of grazing are described in terms of their advantages and disadvantages for grazing horses.
- Range includes but is not limited to – set stocking, rotational grazing, break feeding.

Outcome 2

Maintain paddock facilities to ensure safety and working efficiency.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Maintenance of troughs and repairs to water supply systems ensures a constant flow of clean water.
- Range may include but is not limited to – inside scrubbed out, water replaced; water pipe, joiners and ball cock, checked and repaired using appropriate tools, equipment and materials.
- 2.2 Paddock facilities are described in terms of the importance of providing shelter.
- Range may include but is not limited to – natural, artificial, protection, climatic conditions.
- 2.3 Fence types and their suitability for horses are described in terms of advantages and disadvantages.
- Range includes but is not limited to – post and rail, post and wire (No 8), post and wire (high tensile), post and wire with top rail timber, hedges, electric fencing.
- 2.4 Gates and gate latches are kept free of protrusions and work efficiently in accordance with stable procedures.

Outcome 3

Manage horses in a paddock.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Horses are provided with supplementary feed in a paddock in accordance with stable procedures.

Range established pecking order and natural feeding patterns, extra feed container, all horses fed at same time, regular feeding time.
- 3.2 Group social behaviour, in terms of companionship and routines, is identified and taken into consideration to manage groups of horses.

Range sex and ages.
- 3.3 Appropriate methods to catch and remove individual horses from herd is demonstrated without injury to horse, self, or other horses.

Range one or more persons; 'catch' method; controlled entry and exit through gates, move to yard; lead in safe, controlled manner.
- 3.4 Injury reporting is explained in accordance with stable procedures.

Replacement information	This unit standard was replaced by unit standard 32118.
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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.