Care for a horse's paddock, and horses in a paddock

Level

3

Credits

6

Purpose

This unit standard is for people involved with caring for a horse's paddock for one or more horses.

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.

Subfield

Equine

Domain

Equine Care

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Open.

Accreditation

Evaluation of documentation and visit by NZQA and industry.

Standard setting body (SSB)

Primary Industry Training Organisation

Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP) reference

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

Special notes

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.

For this unit standard the practical assessment evidence must be provided in the context of a commercial business operation under normal working conditions.

**Elements and performance criteria**

**Element 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.

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.

**Element 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.
Element 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.

Please note

Providers must be accredited by NZQA, or an inter-institutional body with delegated authority for quality assurance, before they can report credits from assessment against unit standards or deliver courses of study leading to that assessment.

Industry Training Organisations must be accredited by NZQA before they can register credits from assessment against unit standards.

Accredited providers and Industry Training Organisations assessing against unit standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards.

Accreditation requirements and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP). The AMAP also includes useful information about special requirements for organisations wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.
Comments on this unit standard

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