

Title	Clip a horse		
Level	3	Credits	3

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: prepare the clippers, equipment and area; prepare the horse for clipping; clip the horse; carry out post clipping procedures; and describe hogging the mane.
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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 An assistant may be required to calm the horse when excessive movement prevents an even clip.
- 4 For this unit standard the practical assessment evidence must be provided in the context of a commercial business operation under normal working conditions.
- 5 *Stable procedures* are the documented practices and polices required within a particular equine workplace.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Prepare the clippers, equipment and area.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Attach sharp blades to clippers according to manufacturer's instructions, and safely connect clippers to power source using isolating device if needed.
- 1.2 Oil marked holes in head to aid the working action of blades.
- 1.3 Store spare blades in a manner to ensure future working action.

1.4 Select a suitable area to clip in according to stable procedures.

Outcome 2

Prepare the horse for clipping.

Performance criteria

2.1 Choose a clip for the horse according to activity and aesthetic appeal.

Range blanket, trace, hunter, belly, full;
evidence of one clip is required.

2.2 Clean and dry the horse to remove mud and sweat ready for clipping.

Outcome 3

Clip the horse.

Performance criteria

3.1 Mark out the clip on the horse ensuring that both sides are even.

3.2 Adjust machine according to manufacturer's instructions.

3.3 Introduce clippers to the horse without causing undue stress.

3.4 Clip against the hair of the horse without causing undue stress to the horse.

3.5 Clean, oil and check clippers frequently to maintain an even cut.

3.6 Brush the horse over and cover it as required after clipping.

Outcome 4

Carry out post clipping procedures.

Performance criteria

4.1 Remove blades from clippers, clean in a degreasing agent, and store to maintain them in optimum condition.

4.2 Store clippers and accessories in accordance with stable procedures.

4.3 Clean the area and dispose of waste appropriately.

Outcome 5

Describe hogging the mane.

Performance criteria

- 5.1 Describe hogging in terms of the importance of the horse's neck position for stretching wrinkles in the crest.
- 5.2 Describe hogging in terms of the procedures for achieving a tidy meeting point at the centre of the mane without cutting into the coat.
- 5.3 Describe hogging in terms of the procedures to clip the forelock while avoiding injury to the horse.

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Comments on this unit standard

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