

Title	Assist to foal a mare under supervision		
Level	3	Credits	5

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: recognise the signs of imminent foaling, move the mare to a safe foaling area, and prepare the mare for foaling; recognise the foaling process and provide assistance as required; and assist in providing post-foaling care.
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Classification	Equine > Equine Husbandry
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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 policies required within a particular workplace, and do not contravene the *Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for 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 It is recommended that candidates experience at least 10 foalings.
- 4 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

Recognise the signs of imminent foaling, move the mare to a safe foaling area, and prepare the mare for foaling.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 The observable changes occurring in a mare in the days before foaling are identified.

Range may include but is not limited to – change in behaviour, udder enlargement, waxing, mammary secretion, relaxed pelvic ligaments, hollow flanks, swollen vulval lips, sunken hindquarters.

- 1.2 Reasons for importance of mares foaling in individual paddocks under supervision are outlined in terms of possible foaling problems, and the mare is moved into a safe area in accordance with stable procedures.
- 1.3 Foaling alarm, if used, is checked to ensure it is operational, and is fitted to the mare's headcollar according to manufacturer's instructions.

Outcome 2

Recognise the foaling process and provide assistance as required.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Description identifies the normal duration, signs and course of events of stage one, two and three of foaling.
- 2.2 Mare is monitored, and assistance is provided in accordance with stable procedures.
- 2.3 Any ill health or abnormal course of events is reported and actioned in accordance with stable procedures.
- 2.4 Description identifies the importance of allowing the umbilical cord to constrict naturally.
- 2.5 Description identifies the importance of 'checking the placenta' in terms of retention and infection.
- 2.6 Records of the foaling process are maintained in accordance with property procedures.

Range may include but is not limited to – time of events, problems, treatments, weight of membranes, colostrums levels in milk, sex and colour of foal, sire and dam.

Outcome 3

Assist in providing post-foaling care.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Foal is held in a manner that restrains but causes minimum stress to the foal.
- 3.2 The importance of colostrum is described in terms of time frame of the foal's first drink.
- Range quality, amount.
- 3.3 Description identifies the observable signs of the foal retaining meconium and outlines possible course of action.

Replacement information	This unit standard was replaced by unit standard 32121.
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This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.

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>.