

Title	Groom a horse		
Level	2	Credits	3

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: prepare items in a grooming kit and the horse for grooming; groom the horse in a manner appropriate for the activity; clean and oil the horse's feet, and check for health status; and care for a grooming kit.
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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 *Stable procedures* are the verbal or written instructions to staff on practices and policies required within a particular workplace.
- 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

Prepare items in a grooming kit and the horse for grooming.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Assemble grooming kit and prepare for use in accordance with stable procedures.

Range	may include but is not limited to – dandy brush, body brush, curry comb, mane comb, hoof brush, hoof pick, sponges, scraper, bot knife, towel, rubber mitts, wet wipes, bucket of water, hoof oil and applicator.
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- 1.2 Restrain horse in a halter fitted to achieve designated purpose, and tie using a quick release knot with sufficient length of rope for the horse to remain in a comfortable position while standing.
- 1.3 Remove horse's rug or cover in a manner which is safe for the horse and the handler.

Outcome 2

Groom the horse in a manner appropriate for the activity.

Range may include but is not limited to – dandy brush, body brush, curry comb, mane comb, hoof brush, hoof pick, sponges, scraper, bot knife, towel, rubber mitts, wet wipes, bucket of water, hoof dressing and applicator.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Remove obvious signs of mud and sweat using the designated items in the grooming kit.
- 2.2 Brush mane and tail until hairs lie flat and are clean and free of tangles using the designated items in the grooming kit.
- 2.3 Clean face and dock to remove signs of dirt and discharges in a manner which does not cause discomfort to the horse.
- 2.4 Check horse for external parasites, fungi, injuries and other abnormalities, and report to supervisor.

Outcome 3

Clean and oil the horse's feet, and check for health status.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Pick up feet and hold in a position which causes the least discomfort for the horse and is safe for the attendant.

Range foreleg, hindleg.

- 3.2 Clean ground surface of feet using a hoof pick to remove stones and dirt.

- 3.3 Check shoes to identify signs of wear and unsafe shoes.

Range includes but is not limited to – risen clenches, fit, damage, wear requiring replacement.

- 3.4 Apply hoof oil to the hoof including contact with the coronet.

Range hoof wall, sole.

- 3.5 Report state of the horse's feet and legs in accordance with stable procedures.

Outcome 4

Care for a grooming kit.

Performance criteria

- 4.1 Clean grooming items after use to remove dirt and hairs and replace in the designated area in accordance with stable procedures.
- 4.2 Wash, rinse, and dry items in the grooming kit to maintain in a clean and hygienic condition in accordance with stable procedures.

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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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