

Title	Manage stabled horses		
Level	5	Credits	12

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is for people who may be involved in a supervisory role looking after a group of horses in a stabled situation.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: organise the daily stable routine to ensure that all tasks are carried out in an orderly sequence around the exercise programme; check stable consumables and order as required; manage the feeding programme; plan a health programme for a horse, and describe stable vices; maintain a stable inventory; and demonstrate knowledge of the stabling requirements of horses.</p>
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Classification	Equine > Equine Care
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Available grade	Achieved
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Prerequisites	Unit 6622, <i>Analyse horse feed and stable horses</i> ; Unit 6578, <i>Care for stabled horses</i> ; and Unit 6617, <i>Assess the design, functionality and construction of a stable complex</i> ; or demonstrate equivalent knowledge and skills.
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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 For this unit standard the practical assessment evidence must be provided in the context of a commercial business operation under normal working conditions.
- 3 *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), available at <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/animal-welfare/codes/horses/index.htm>.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Organise the daily stable routine to ensure that all tasks are carried out in an orderly sequence around the exercise programme.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Horses that require exercise are prepared and ready at the designated time and place in accordance with stable procedures.
- 1.2 Planning and implementation of the daily schedule ensure that horses, stables, and surroundings are well presented.
- Range daily schedule – mucking out, grooming, feeding, exercise, cleaning and maintenance of tack;
stables and surroundings – clean, tidy, safe, equipment stored in designated place.

Outcome 2

Check stable consumables and order as required.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Feed required is calculated according to maximum storage time, and ordered and stored to ensure it stays free of contamination in accordance with stable procedures.
- 2.2 Stocks of stable bedding are monitored, and new supplies are ordered to ensure a constant supply in accordance with stable procedures.
- 2.3 Equipment is checked for faults, and repair or replacement is initiated in accordance with stable procedures.

Outcome 3

Manage the feeding programme.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Feeding is scheduled according to the stable routine and horses' individual requirements.
- Range around the exercise programme, allowing sufficient time for digestion of grain feed before exercising, taking into account the horses' natural feeding patterns.
- 3.2 Feeding and digestive problems in horses are recognised, and remedial actions are identified and taken in accordance with stable procedures.
- Range whole grains in faeces, excessive salivation, lack of appetite, loss of condition, slow laboured chewing, bad breath, pain or swelling in jaw, head tossing, quidding, elevated heart rate, increased temperature.

Outcome 4

Plan a health programme for a horse, and describe stable vices.

Performance criteria

4.1 A programme for ongoing preventative health implemented in consultation with the veterinarian ensures optimum physical and mental well being of the horse.

Range worming, vaccination, sufficient exercise and company.

4.2 Description of preventative health measures outlines those required when introducing a new horse to the stable.

4.3 Stable vices are described in terms of their control measures, and the reasons why horses develop them.

Range weaving, door kicking, crib biting, front footing, biting, head rolling, tearing clothing.

Outcome 5

Maintain a stable inventory.

Range horses, saddlery, feed, stable equipment, first aid equipment for horses and humans, fire safety equipment.

Performance criteria

5.1 All horses in the stable are recorded and identified in accordance with stable procedures.

Range name, age, breeding, height, sex, condition on arrival, colour, markings, owner, owner contact details, inoculations, gear.

5.2 Equipment held in the stable is recorded in accordance with stable procedures.

Range type, condition, number present.

Outcome 6

Demonstrate knowledge of the stabling requirements of horses.

Range environmental conditions, internal and external fittings, welfare and health requirements, tack storage, feed storage, water supply.

Performance criteria

6.1 Description identifies the ideal requirements of a stable.

Range size, layout, environment, temperature, ventilation, light, fire safety equipment, drainage, flooring, bedding, water supply, door design.

6.2 Description outlines typical stable designs and the situations for which they are most suitable.

Range barn style, walk in/walk out, U shaped or central courtyard, variations.

6.3 Description identifies suitable materials for the interior and exterior of stables.

Range safety, durability, hygiene, aesthetic appeal, cost.

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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