

Title	Guide a short horse trek, manage rest stops, and conclude the horse trek		
Level	4	Credits	20

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is designed for horse trek guides.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: guide a short horse trek, and monitor the health and safety of clients and horses; manage rest stops during the horse trek; and conclude the horse trek.</p>
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Classification	Tourism > Horse Trek Guiding
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

1 Definition

Culturally sensitive refers to awareness of differences in religion, customs, and practices of clients, and accommodating safe riding, and treatment of horses, to fit in with clients' needs.

Short horse trek refers to a trek of less than four hours' duration.

Worksite procedures refer to the documented policies and procedures for worksite activities as required by the employer.

2 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015; Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Compensation Act 2001; Land Transport Act 1998; Occupiers' Liability Act 1962; Conservation Act 1987; Local Government Act 2002; Marine Reserves Act 1971; National Parks Act 1980; Reserves and Other Lands Disposal Act 1977; Resource Management Act 1991; Commerce Act 1986; Consumer Guarantees Act 1993; and Fair Trading Act 1986.

Any relevant Acts, regulations, and bylaws must be complied with during assessment against this standard.

3 In the context of this unit standard *client* is also the rider.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Guide a short horse trek, and monitor the health and safety of clients and horses

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Pace of trek is determined and maintained according to experience of clients and terrain.
- Range pace includes but is not limited to – appropriate to comfort of clients, appropriate to comfort of horses.
- 1.2 Group dynamics are monitored continually to determine mental and physical comfort of clients and horses.
- Range monitoring may include but is not limited to – visual, verbal, instinctual.
- 1.3 Where monitoring identifies mental or physical discomfort of clients or horses, procedures to alleviate discomfort are implemented in accordance with worksite procedures.
- 1.4 Situations or actions which are potentially hazardous for clients and/or horses are anticipated or identified, and managed in accordance with worksite procedures.
- Range clients' situations may include but are not limited to – unsafe actions, lack of confidence with horse;
horses' actions may include but are not limited to – misbehaviour, other horses misbehaving;
hazards may include but are not limited to – environmental obstacles.
- 1.5 Instructions and encouragement are provided to the group and are constructive, clear, culturally sensitive, audible to all group members, and in accordance with worksite procedures.
- 1.6 Procedures in the event of accident or emergency are carried out in accordance with worksite procedures.

Outcome 2

Manage rest stops during the horse trek.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Dismounting of clients is supervised in a manner which maintains comfort and safety of clients and horses.
- 2.2 Horses are restrained and saddlery managed in a manner which ensures horses' and group's safety, and does not cause damage to saddlery.

2.3 Clients' and horses' comfort requirements are attended to in accordance with legislation, and worksite procedures.

Range clients' requirements may include but are not limited to – refreshments, water safety, water hygiene, toilet, rubbish disposal; horses' requirements may include but are not limited to – feed, water.

2.4 Preparation to resume trek following rest stop is carried out in a manner which ensures comfort and safety for clients and horses, and is in accordance with worksite procedures.

Outcome 3

Conclude the horse trek.

Performance criteria

3.1 Dismounting is supervised in a manner which ensures safety and comfort of the client and horse, with the horse under control at all times.

3.2 Client de-briefing is carried out in a culturally sensitive manner, and is in accordance with worksite procedures.

Range may include but is not limited to – management of discomfort or injury, return business, procedures for complaints, evaluation, farewell.

3.3 Horses are attended to in a manner which meets their comfort requirements and further trekking commitments.

Range includes but is not limited to – gear, cool down, feed, water.

3.4 Documentation is completed in accordance with legislation and worksite procedures.

Range includes but is not limited to – incident report, log book, evaluation.

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

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