

Title	Travel and care for horses in short-term accommodation		
Level	4	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: prepare transport and accommodation requirements for a horse travelling to a destination for a short-term period; prepare a horse for travel, travel with a horse to destination, and unload a horse; attend to immediate post-travel activities relating to horse and vehicle; and settle horse into new environment, manage horse during stay, and maintain facilities while in short-term accommodation.
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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 of welfare relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
 - Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys 2018, available at <http://www.mpi.govt.nz>; and any subsequent amendments.
- 2 Definition
Workplace procedures – the procedures and standards set by the client or employing organisation. Workplace procedures should reflect equipment manufacturer's requirements, and current legislation.
- 3 For the purposes of assessment:
 - evidence must be presented in accordance with workplace procedures.
 - assessment for the practical components of this unit standard must be supplied from a commercial horse enterprise.
 - a short-term period must be for at least one night.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Prepare transport and accommodation requirements for a horse travelling to a destination for a short-term period.

Range destination may include but is not limited to – races, sales, training facility, competition.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Identify destination in terms of the travel arrangements.
- Range may include but is not limited to – travelling times, travel breaks, mode of transport, horse transport bookings.
- 1.2 Describe short-term accommodation facilities at destination in terms of suitability for the individual horse.
- Range may include but is not limited to – bedding, type and suitability of stabling, availability of paddock, facilities and availability, environment.
- 1.3 Describe techniques to manage a horse in an unfamiliar environment.
- Range may include but is not limited to – routine, taking a mate, radio, mirror, toys, flavouring water, taking sufficient water from home, prior preparation imitating environment and routine of short-term accommodation.
- 1.4 Check and prepare the vehicle for travel.
- 1.5 Identify, assemble, and pack horse supplies required for duration of time away.
- Range may include but is not limited to – feed, gear, water, buckets, stabling, items, additives.
- 1.6 Identify, assemble, and pack equipment and personal gear.
- Range may include but is not limited to – shoeing gear, fencing equipment, wet weather gear, driving or riding gear.

Outcome 2

Prepare a horse for travel, travel with a horse to destination, and unload a horse.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Prepare a horse for travel.
- Range may include but is not limited to – leg, poll, tail protection; travel cover, feet picked out, brushed, encourage urination prior to loading.
- 2.2 Load a horse onto transport vehicle in a manner which is safe for both horse and handler.

2.3 Check and attend to the horse during travel.

Range may include but is not limited to – stress, comfort, water, feed, exercise, temperature.

2.4 Unload a horse in a manner which is safe for both horse and handler.

Outcome 3

Attend to immediate post-travel activities relating to horse and vehicle.

Performance criteria

3.1 Restrain a horse and remove travelling gear in a manner which is safe for the horse and people.

3.2 Inspect the horse to identify effects of travelling and take action in the event of any problems.

Range may include but is not limited to – stress, dehydration, abrasions, loose shoes.

3.3 Fit covers in a manner which is safe for both horse and handler.

3.4 Unpack the vehicle and store gear stored in appropriate facilities in a neat, tidy, and secure manner.

3.5 Clean and wash the internal part of vehicle to remove all traces of faeces and dispose in designated area.

Outcome 4

Settle horse into new environment, manage horse during stay, and maintain facilities while in short-term accommodation.

Performance criteria

4.1 Inspect short term accommodation and take appropriate action to meet welfare needs of the horse.

Range may include but is not limited to – protruding objects, old feed, hygiene of accommodation, water source, fencing, bedding.

4.2 Introduce the horse to the new environment in a manner which is safe for both horse and handler.

4.3 Monitor the horse's reaction to the new environment, and take appropriate action to assist settling horse.

Range may include but is not limited to – flavouring water, electrolytes, in sight of other horses, walked out, temperature, heart and respiratory rate.

- 4.4 Carry out horse care requirements for the duration of stay.
- Range may include but is not limited to – feeding, watering, bedding, covering, grooming.
- 4.5 Describe routine and emergency procedures to be undertaken during short-term accommodation.
- Range may include but is not limited to – emergency plan, caretaker, locking of gates, share paddocks, veterinarian, farrier, track direction and use, arena availability, routine, exercise requirements; evidence of five is required.
- 4.6 Implement management procedures when using the short-term accommodation facility.
- Range may include but is not limited to – parking, damage reported, tidiness.

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Registration	1	17 October 2008	31 December 2023
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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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