

<b>Title</b>	<b>Provide routine care for horses in stables and/or yards</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>22</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to: identify horses; feed and water horses in stables and/or yards; clean stables and/or yards, and surrounds; groom and cover horses; and apply knowledge of horse's body language, and behavioural characteristics when handling.
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<b>Classification</b>	Equine > Equine Care
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<b>Available grade</b>	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 or recognised voluntary equine organisation.

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### Outcomes and performance criteria

#### Outcome 1

Identify horses.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Identify horses by colour, distinguishing features, and/or brands.

**Outcome 2**

Feed and water horses in stables, and/or yards.

**Performance criteria**

- 2.1 Prepare feed, and feed horses both with the horse present or in a group.
- 2.2 Identify the features of good and poor feed quality.  
Range appearance, texture, smell.
- 2.3 Clean water receptacle and replace water if required.
- 2.4 Observe, record and report normal horse behaviour and variations.

**Outcome 3**

Clean stables and/or yards, and surrounds.

**Performance criteria**

- 3.1 Clean stables and/or yards and replace bedding.
- 3.2 Identify types and quality of bedding.
- 3.3 Clean and maintain stable and/or yard immediate surrounds.
- 3.4 Observe and report status of consumables.

**Outcome 4**

Groom and cover horses.

**Performance criteria**

- 4.1 Restrain, and groom horses consistent with the intended activity
- 4.2 Administer routine foot care, including hoof cleaning, safely and effectively.
- 4.3 Remove and replace covers.

**Outcome 5**

Apply knowledge of horse's body language, and behavioural characteristics when handling.

Range lead into and out of stables and/or yards; catch and let go in stables and/or yards; lead past other horses; hold, walk and trot out for external contractors; manage horse when frightened.

**Performance criteria**

5.1 Handle horses with consideration for horse's behavioural characteristics, and observation of body language.

Range may include but is not limited to – horse's range of vision in front and behind, sensitivity to touch and sound, flight not fight behaviour.

<b>Planned review date</b>	31 December 2026
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**Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions**

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	15 October 2015	31 December 2023
Review	2	25 November 2021	NA

<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	0018
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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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