

Title	Care for a group of horses in a paddock, maintain paddocks, and install and dismantle temporary electric fences		
Level	2	Credits	10

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: feed and water horses in the paddock, observe and report horse behaviour and unsafe paddock features or fixtures; apply knowledge of horse's senses, communication, body language, group hierarchy, compatible groupings, and behavioural characteristics when handling horses in group situations; identify pasture species, weeds, and poisonous plants commonly found in paddocks grazed by horses, and control weeds by manual methods; install and dismantle temporary electric fences, and identify and report faults.
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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 or recognised voluntary equine organisation.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Feed and water horses in the paddock, observe and report horse behaviour and unsafe paddock features or fixtures.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Prepare and place feed in the paddock with horses present.
- 1.2 Clean water receptacle and replace water, and/or clean trough.
- 1.3 Observe, record, and report normal horse behaviour and variations.
- 1.4 Observe and report unsafe paddock features or fixtures.

Outcome 2

Apply knowledge of horse's senses, communication, body language, group hierarchy, compatible groupings, and behavioural characteristics when handling horses in group situations.

Range remove a horse from the group, introduce a horse to the group, lead into and out of gates with horse present in the paddock or yard, catch one in the group, let one go into the group.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Describe the relationship between horse's behavioural characteristics, group hierarchy, and compatible groupings of horses.
- 2.2 Handle horses with consideration for horse's senses, communication, and body language.
- 2.3 Handle horses with consideration for horse's behavioural characteristics.

Outcome 3

Identify pasture species, weeds, and poisonous plants commonly found in paddocks grazed by horses, and control weeds by manual methods.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Identify common pasture species and legumes found in the local area.
Range evidence of at least two grasses and two legumes is required.
- 3.2 Identify common weeds found in horse paddocks.
Range evidence of at least four is required.
- 3.3 Identify common plants that are poisonous to horses.
Range evidence of at least two is required.
- 3.4 Remove weeds and plants that are potentially poisonous to horses by manual methods, or report to the supervisor where this is not possible.

Outcome 4

Install and dismantle temporary electric fences, and identify and report faults.

Performance criteria

4.1 Install and dismantle temporary electric fences.

4.2 Identify and report faults.

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Registration	1	15 October 2015	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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