

<b>Title</b>	<b>Implement a training plan to educate a young horse from weanling to yearling age, and manage health and feeding</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>10</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to: implement a training plan to educate a young horse in preparation for yearling sales and/or performance career; monitor the health and development of a young horse from weanling to yearling age; feed a young horse to obtain optimum growth potential; and assess commercial appeal of a young horse and identify the appropriate sales series in order to maximise commercial return.
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<b>Classification</b>	Equine > Equine Husbandry
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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### Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
  - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015; and any subsequent amendments.
- 2 Definition
 

*Workplace procedures* are the documented policies and practices for safety and procedures within a particular workplace, and are consistent with the Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys (2018) available at <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/11003-horses-and-donkeys-code-of-welfare>.
- 3 For the purposes of assessment:
  - evidence for the practical components of this unit standard must be supplied from the workplace.
  - evidence for all outcomes must be presented in accordance with workplace procedures.

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### Outcomes and performance criteria

#### Outcome 1

Implement a training plan to educate a young horse in preparation for yearling sales and/or performance career.

**Performance criteria**

- 1.1 Educate a young horse while restrained in a halter to obey commands while encouraging the horse to remain calm and without risk of injury to itself, other horses, or the handler in accordance with the training plan.
- Range lead at walk, halt, turn, tie up.
- 1.2 Accustom a young horse to activities likely to be encountered when in sales preparation or training while encouraging the horse to remain calm and without risk of injury to itself, other horses, or the handler in accordance with the training plan.
- Range may include but is not limited to – hosing, rugging, feet handling, transporting, leading with bit, grooming, exercise, stabling; evidence of four is required.
- 1.3 Identify and manage behavioural problems in accordance with the training plan.
- Range may include but is not limited to – anxiety, aggression, stable vices, herd instincts, paddock vices, bullying; evidence of four is required.
- 1.4 Groom a young horse to encourage improvement in coat condition and accustom the horse to all over body handling in accordance with the training plan.

**Outcome 2**

Monitor the health and development of a young horse from weanling to yearling age.

**Performance criteria**

- 2.1 Group young horses in accordance with individual needs.
- 2.2 Monitor a young horse for the presence of osteochondritis dissecans (OCD) and optimum musculoskeletal development.
- 2.3 Identify any action faults, and implement a hoof trimming programme to assist correction, in conjunction with the farrier.
- 2.4 Implement a drenching programme to control parasites.
- 2.5 Monitor horses for signs of dental problems and implement procedures to address any identified problems.
- 2.6 Identify signs of tail chewing and take action to prevent its occurrence or recurrence.
- 2.7 Monitor general health and condition and take action which is in the best interests of a horse.

**Outcome 3**

Feed a young horse to obtain optimum growth potential.

**Performance criteria**

- 3.1 Formulate a balanced ration to meet a young horse's nutritional requirements in accordance with its age and availability of pasture.
- 3.2 Implement practical feeding considerations when paddock feeding.

Range may include but is not limited to – pecking order, extra container to number of horses, season, pasture availability, individual long-term goals.

**Outcome 4**

Assess commercial appeal of a young horse and identify the appropriate sales series in order to maximise commercial return.

**Performance criteria**

- 4.1 Assess a young horse to determine commercial appeal.

Range assessment may include but is not limited to – fashionability of sire, performance of sire and dam, performance of offspring and close relatives, pedigree; evidence of four is required.

- 4.2 Assess a young horse's conformation and action to determine commercial appeal.

- 4.3 Set the anticipated sales series according to pedigree and conformation of a young horse and describe the application process.

- 4.4 Manage the ongoing care of a young horse in accordance with its future as a sales or non-sales horse.

<b>Replacement information</b>	This unit standard replaced unit standard 1641.
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Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	28 May 2020	N/A

<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>.

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**Comments on this unit standard**

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