

Title	Demonstrate knowledge of hazards, routine health care, emergency responses, and ongoing care of horses		
Level	3	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: identify potential hazards involving horses and implement measures to ensure safety of horses and people in and around the horse facility; demonstrate knowledge of the actions to take in the event of an emergency involving horses; provide assistance to the veterinarian while veterinary treatment is being carried out; describe and monitor health status of horses in training; and provide ongoing care for a horse following sickness or injury.
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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 Definitions

Emergency – a sudden, serious, unexpected or impending, and sometimes dangerous situation involving a horse or horses that may cause or have already caused injury or loss of life and requires immediate action.

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

Identify potential hazards involving horses and implement measures to ensure safety of horses and people in and around the horse facility.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Evaluate horse facilities for suitability of purpose for the operator and horses.
- 1.2 Identify potential hazards to horses and people in and around the horse facility.
- 1.3 Implement safety measures to control any potential hazards to horses and people.

Outcome 2

Demonstrate knowledge of the actions to take in the event of an emergency involving horses.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Identify the purpose of individual items in a comprehensive First Aid kit for horses.
- 2.2 Describe the workplace procedures for immediate course of action resulting from an emergency situation.

Outcome 3

Provide assistance to the veterinarian while veterinary treatment is being carried out.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Hold the horse for the veterinarian and apply restraints.
- 3.2 Lead the horse out to allow assessment of action.

Outcome 4

Describe and monitor health status of horses in training.

Performance criteria

- 4.1 Describe the reasons for monitoring horse health when in training.

4.2 Monitor and report health status of horses to the supervisor.

Range must include – stance, appetite, behaviour, soundness;
at least three of – temperature, pulse, respiration, dehydration,
circulation.

Outcome 5

Provide ongoing care for a horse following sickness or injury.

Performance criteria

5.1 Carry out ongoing care and administer treatments for a horse following sickness or injury.

Range may include but is not limited to – topical treatment, oral treatment, foot treatment, poultice, bandaging;
evidence of two is required.

5.2 Observe, record and report horse's ongoing health to the supervisor.

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Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	23 April 1996	31 December 2023
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Comments on this unit standard

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