

## Recognise, manage, and treat problems of performance in horses in consultation with a veterinarian

**Level** 4

**Credits** 4

**Purpose** People credited with this unit standard are able to recognise and report problems associated with performance in horses; and assist the veterinarian, and carry out prescribed management and treatments as directed by the veterinarian.

**Subfield** Equine

**Domain** Equine Health

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**Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP) reference** 0018

This AMAP can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

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### Special notes

- 1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, and its subsequent amendments.
- 2 *Stable procedures* are the documented practices and polices required within a particular workplace, and do not contravene the *Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for the Welfare of Horses* (Wellington: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, 1993), available at <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/animal-welfare/codes/horses/index.htm>.

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## Elements and performance criteria

### Element 1

Recognise and report problems associated with performance in horses.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Description of health parameters identifies the normal range for adult horses.
- 1.2 Respiration, temperature, and heart rate are observed for the individual horse and recorded according to stable procedures.
- 1.3 Problems related to performance are recognised and reported to the veterinarian according to stable procedures.  
  
Range        colic, colds, tying up, dehydration, sprains, strains, splints.
- 1.4 Site of lameness is located according to obvious external signs and reported according to veterinary requirements.

### Element 2

Assist the veterinarian and carry out prescribed management and treatments as directed by the veterinarian.

#### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Assistance is provided to veterinarian during examination as directed and in a manner which avoids complications to existing injury and injury to self, veterinarian, or horse.
- 2.2 Post-examination treatments and management practices are carried out as prescribed by the veterinarian.  
  
Range        isolation, immobilisation, administration of medication, poultice, support bandage.

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### Please note

Providers must be accredited by NZQA, or an inter-institutional body with delegated authority for quality assurance, before they can report credits from assessment against unit standards or deliver courses of study leading to that assessment.

Industry Training Organisations must be accredited by NZQA before they can register credits from assessment against unit standards.

Accredited providers and Industry Training Organisations assessing against unit standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards.

Accreditation requirements and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP). The AMAP also includes useful information about special requirements for organisations wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.

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**Comments on this unit standard**

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