

Title	Demonstrate knowledge of the conditioning and feeding requirements of horses for specific activities		
Level	4	Credits	7

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate knowledge of: the aims of conditioning and training a horse for specific activities; conditioning according to the timing of specific activities; and the feeding requirements of horses according to a specific activity.
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Classification	Equine > Equine Training
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation and codes relevant to this unit standard include but are not limited to the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, and its subsequent amendments; and the *Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for the Welfare of Horses* (Wellington: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, 1993) or available at <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/animal-welfare/codes/horses/index.htm>.
- 2 *Specific activities* include racing, endurance, showing, dressage, eventing, hunting, showjumping.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate knowledge of the aims of conditioning and training a horse for specific activities.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Conditioning and training are described in terms of development of the horse to improve fitness and balance.

Range may include but is not limited to – develop coordination and balance, develop mental attitude, simulate competition situation, learn how to achieve new movements, accept use of new equipment, improve response to stimuli, develop co-ordination, accept rider or driver influence.

1.2 Methods of conditioning and training are described and their effects on the horse's body systems.

Range includes but is not limited to – muscles, bones, tendons, ligaments, cardiovascular, respiratory.

Outcome 2

Demonstrate knowledge of conditioning a horse according to the timing of specific activities.

Performance criteria

2.1 Methods of conditioning and training are described in terms of suitability for the individual horse's requirements.

Range may include but is not limited to- interval training, beach work, road work, hill work, flat work, jumping, track work, swimming, walkers, treadmill.

2.2 Horse's psychological requirements are described in terms of individual needs and stages of training.

Range routine, changes to routine, stabling and paddocking, handler.

Outcome 3

Demonstrate knowledge of the feeding requirements of horses according to a specific activity.

Performance criteria

3.1 Nutritional requirements of horses are described in terms of stage of training and activity.

3.2 Feeds are identified in terms of meeting nutritional requirements of horses according to activity.

3.3 Feeding is described in terms of a balanced ration meeting all the horse's nutritional requirements, and introduced to allow the horse to obtain maximum benefit from the feed.

This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.

Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference

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