

		<b>Unit ID:</b>	<b>1372</b>
<b>Domain</b>	<b>HORSES</b>		
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Use horses for livestock handling</b>		
<b>Level: 2</b>			<b>Credits: 3</b>

### Purpose

This unit standard specifies the competencies required to:

- prepare horses for work
- ride horses
- complete riding of horses

This unit standard is intended for people working in agriculture.

### Special Notes

1. Entry information:

Prerequisite:

- *Unit 1357 - Handle farm animals*

2. This unit standard is to be delivered and assessed in the context of agricultural operations and can be assessed in conjunction with other relevant technical unit standards.
3. The evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit must be relevant to workplace operations.
4. Assessment evidence may be collected from a real workplace or an appropriate simulated environment in which agricultural operations are carried out.
5. All inspection, operation and maintenance procedures associated with the use of tools and equipment shall comply with manufacturers' guidelines and instructions.
6. Glossary of terms
  - '*Hazards*' may include but is not limited to solar radiation, slippery and uneven surfaces, sharp tools, manual handling and animal behaviour.
  - '*Personal protective equipment (PPE)*' may include but is not limited to helmet, boots, gloves, protective eye wear, hearing protection, respirator and face mask, and sun protection.
  - '*Safety requirements*' may include but not limited to safe systems and procedures for handling livestock, hazard and risk control, operating livestock handling equipment, safe use of hand tools and equipment, manual handling procedures, application and storage of hazardous substances, maintaining personal hygiene, outdoor work and the use of personal protective equipment.
  - '*Grooming*' may include but not limited removal of sweat, dust and mud by brushing, washing, trimming and pulling of manes and tails.
  - '*Specifications*' refers to any, or all of the following: manufacturers' specifications and recommendations, as well as workplace specific requirements.
  - '*Working gear*' may include but not limited to saddles, bridles, breastplates, martingales, cruppers, saddlebags, headstalls, saddlecloths, feeders and rugs.

- 'Workplace procedures' may include but not limited to work notes, plans, product labels, manufacturer's specifications, operator's manuals, safety plans, fire control, waste disposal, recycling, re-use guidelines and supervisors oral or written instructions.

7. Regulations and legislation relevant to this unit standard include but not limited to the following:

- Labour Act No. 11, 2007
- Regulations relating to the Health and Safety of employees at work, 1997
- Animal Health Act 2011
- Animal Protection Act of 1962
- Standards Act, 2005, Standards Regulations: Standards Act, 2005 and relevant Namibian Standards as established

and all subsequent amendments to any of the above.

- All current sets of Good Agricultural Practices to which Namibia subscribes and that regulate agricultural products entering a country to which Namibian producers may export.

### **Quality Assurance Requirements**

This unit standard and others within this subfield may be awarded by institutions which meet the accreditation requirements set by the Namibia Qualifications Authority and the Namibia Training Authority and which comply with the national assessment and moderation requirements. Details of specific accreditation requirements and the national assessment arrangements are available from the Namibia Qualifications Authority on [www.namqa.or.na](http://www.namqa.or.na) and the Namibia Training Authority on [www.nta.com.na](http://www.nta.com.na)

## **Elements and Performance Criteria**

### **Element 1. Prepare horses for work**

#### **Range**

Equipment may include but is not limited to brushes, combs, hoof pick, halter and rope.

#### **Performance Criteria**

- 1.1 Hazards are continually identified when working with horses, risks are assessed and suitable controls implemented.
- 1.2 Safety requirements are followed when working with and riding horses.
- 1.3 Suitable personal protective equipment is selected, used and maintained.
- 1.4 Equipment suitable to prepare horses for work is selected, checked, and maintained if necessary.
- 1.5 Horses suitable for the required task and rider ability are selected.

### **Element 2. Ride horses**

#### **Range**

Restraining gear may include but is not limited to halter, rope, leg strap and hobbles.

Grooming may include but not limited removal of sweat, dust and mud by brushing, washing, trimming and pulling of manes, cleaning and checking hooves and brushing tails.

### **Performance Criteria**

- 2.1 Horses are approached, caught and restrained according to workplace procedures.
- 2.2 Unhealthy looking and unmanageable horses are identified and reported according to workplace procedures.
- 2.3 Horses are inspected and groomed according to workplace procedures.
- 2.4 Working gear to suit the individual horse is fitted.
- 2.5 Horses are warmed up before work commences.
- 2.6 Horses are monitored and controlled during stock husbandry work routines.

### **Element 3. Complete riding of horses**

#### **Performance Criteria**

- 3.1 Horses are cooled down, groomed and hooves checked.
- 3.2 Basic first aid is provided to horses for minor injuries. Major injuries are reported according to workplace procedures.
- 3.3 Horses are watered and returned to enclosure for rest according to workplace procedures.
- 3.4 Feeds and supplements are provided according to requirements and workplace procedures.
- 3.5 Working gear is cleaned and checked as a part of regular daily routines.
- 3.6 Working gear is cleaned, maintained or repaired according to workplace procedures.
- 3.7 Working gear is stored according to workplace procedures.

### **Registration Data**

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