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NATIONAL CERTIFICATE MODULE DESCRIPTOR

-Module Number- 1182700 -Session-1990-91
-Superclass- SN

-Title- CARE OF THE HORSE'S FOOT (x¹/₂)

-DESCRIPTION-

Purpose This module is designed to enable the student to acquire the skills and knowledge required to care for the horse's foot including the statutory responsibilities as laid down in the current Farriers (Registrations) Act.

It is aimed at those who wish to develop their abilities as an assistant worker in the horse industry.

Preferred Entry Level 1182600 Health and Safety at Work for Assisting Worker with Horses.
1182610 Basic Handling of Horses.

Outcomes The student should:

1. care for the horse's foot and identify possible problems;
2. outline the statutory responsibilities;
3. outline correct shoeing principles and procedures.

Assessment Procedures Acceptable performance in the module will be satisfactory achievement of all the Performance Criteria specified for each Outcome.

The following abbreviations are used below:

PC Performance Criteria
IA Instrument of Assessment

Note: The Outcomes and PCs are mandatory and cannot be altered. The IA may be altered by arrangement with SQA. (Where a range of performance is indicated, this should be regarded as an extension of the PCs and is therefore mandatory.)

OUTCOME 1 CARE FOR THE HORSE'S FOOT AND IDENTIFY POSSIBLE PROBLEMS

- PCs
- (a) The picking out of the horse's feet before and after exercise is effective in maintaining healthy feet.
 - (b) The recognition of possible problems with the horse's feet resulting from disease or injury is correct.
 - (c) The application of a poultice to the foot is in accordance with the recognised procedure.
 - (d) The removal of a loose shoe is carried out without damaging the foot.
 - (e) The outline of the basic structure of the foot is correct.

IA Assignment

The student will be set an assignment to test the application of knowledge and skills required to care for the horse's foot and identify possible problems.

The student will be expected to care for the horse's foot, identify any possible problems, meeting the standards specified in the Performance Criteria and outline the basic structure of the foot.

The assessment may be carried out with the aid of an observation checklist.

Satisfactory achievement of the Outcome will be based on all the Performance Criteria being met.

OUTCOME 2 OUTLINE THE STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES

- PCs
- (a) The statement of the responsibilities of the employer and employee under the current Farriers (Registration) Acts is correct.

IA Restricted Response Questions

The student will be set restricted response questions to test the knowledge required to explain the statutory responsibilities.

The exercise will consist of two restricted response questions on Performance Criterion (a).

Satisfactory achievement of this Outcome will be based on the student producing two correct responses.

OUTCOME 3 OUTLINE CORRECT SHOING PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES

- PCs
- (a) The recognition of the requirement for the farrier to attend to a horse is correct.
 - (b) The outline of shoeing principles and procedures is correct.
 - (c) The statement of the purpose of special nails and studs is correct.
 - (d) The identification of the farrier's tools and their functions is correct.

IA Assignment

The student will be set an assignment to test the application of knowledge and skills required to identify correct shoeing principles and procedures.

The student will be expected to identify correct shoeing principles and procedures, meeting the standards specified in the Performance Criteria.

The assessment may be carried out with the aid of an observation checklist.

Satisfactory achievement of the Outcome will be based on all the Performance Criteria being met.

**The following sections of the descriptor are offered as guidance.
They are not mandatory.**

CONTENT/CONTEXT

Safety regulations and safe working practices and procedures should be adhered to at all times.

Corresponding to Outcomes 1-3:

1. Recognition of the internal and external structures of the foot.

The picking out of the horse's feet. Recognition of the presence of disease or injury in the horse's foot.

Use of correct procedure when removing a loose shoe.

Use of correct procedure when applying a poultice to a horse's foot.
2. Recognition of the responsibilities of the employer and employee under the current Farriers (Registration) Acts.
3. Recognition of the requirement for the farrier to attend to a horse. The importance of regular hoof inspection.

Identification of the farrier's tools. The reasons for using different tools.

Know the principles and procedures of correct shoeing. Identification of a hoof that has been correctly shod.

The reasons for using special nails and studs.

SUGGESTED LEARNING AND TEACHING APPROACHES

This module is concerned with the care of the horse's foot and therefore the majority of the instruction will take place in a practical situation.

Series of short lectures on the anatomy of the horse's foot. Session to examine and identify specimens of horses' feet.

Practical demonstrations followed by periods of practical instruction and training.

Demonstration by farrier to show how shoes are measured, manufactured and fitted.

Videos, photographs or slides of foot ailments.

Illustrations and examples should be used whenever possible to explain a particular point.

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