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NATIONAL CERTIFICATE MODULE DESCRIPTOR

-Module Number- 1182670 -Session-1990-91
-Superclass- WJ

-Title- SADDLERY AND HARNESS (x¹/₂)

-DESCRIPTION-

Purpose This module is designed to enable the student to acquire the skills and knowledge required to tack up or harness horses and clean and store tack/harness.

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 of Work for Assisting Worker with Horses.
1182610 Basic Handling of Horses.

Outcomes The student should:

1. harness or tack up horses;
2. clean and store tack/harness.

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 HARNESS OR TACK UP HORSES

- PCs
- (a) The selection of the harness/tack is suitable for the exercise.
 - (b) The fitting of the harness/tack including saddle, bridle and martingale is safe and appropriate for the horse.
 - (c) The identification of the parts of the harness/tack is correct.
 - (d) The identification of the function of parts of the harness/tack is correct.

IA Assignment

The student will be set an assignment to test the application of knowledge and skills required to harness or tack up horses.

The student will be expected to harness or tack up horses, meeting the standards specified in the Performance Criteria and identify the parts of the harness/tack and their function.

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

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

OUTCOME 2 CLEAN AND STORE TACK/HARNESS

- PCs
- (a) The cleaning of the tack/harness with leather dressing is in accordance with the recognised procedure.
 - (b) The dismantling and reassembly of the harness/tack is correct.
 - (c) The oiling/greasing of the harness/tack is appropriate for its storage, making optimum use of the facilities.
 - (d) The outline of the reasons for cleaning the tack/harness is correct.

IA Assignment

The student will be set an assignment to test the application of knowledge and skills required to clean and store tack.

The student will be expected to clean and store tack/harness, meeting the standards specified in the Performance Criteria and outline the reasons for cleaning the tack.

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

Satisfactory achievement of the Outcome will be based on all 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 1-2:

1. Selection and fitting of tack suitable for work done by the horse. Identification of items of tack. Fitting saddle and bridle including martingale and breastplate. Identification of areas to be checked for fit and safety. Identification of parts of saddle and bridle and their functions.
2. Stripping down and recognition of component parts of saddles and bridles. Cleaning of leather and correct application of suitable dressing. Consequences of poor maintenance in terms of comfort and safety of horse and rider. Preparation of tack for storage. Choice of conditions for storage of tack.

SUGGESTED LEARNING AND TEACHING APPROACHES

Series of short lectures/demonstrations. Practical demonstrations. Practical exercises in dressing a horse for exercise (ridden or lunged).

Observation of experienced handlers at work.

Practical exercises in identification and fitting saddles, bridles, martingales etc. Lecture from tanner or saddler. Practical exercises in cleaning and storing tack.

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