

## [Plan diets and implement feeding regimes for horses]

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### Overview

This standard involves planning diets and implementing feeding regimes for horses. You should be able to identify the dietary requirements of horses and decide the quantity of feed required. You will also need to deal with any necessary supplements to the diet and special dietary requirements. It is essential that your work identifies any necessary changes in dietary requirements and allows for changes in the ration.

You will need to be fully aware of the importance of animal health and welfare and health and safety in connection with this work.

You will need to be able to recognise hazards and assess risks within the workplace.

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### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

- P1 Identify the nutritional dietary requirements of horses accurately including forage, concentrates and water
- P2 Establish the quantity and frequency of feeding
- P3 Accurately specify any necessary supplements or additives to the diet
- P4 Identify and record special dietary requirements
- P5 Adapt rations to meet changes in the horse's dietary requirements and optimise the health and well-being of the horses
- P6 Plan diets and feeding regimes that take account of feeding policy, horse requirements and allow for changes in the ration
- P7 Monitor and maintain the health and safety of horses, self and others during the work.

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 How the planning of feeding programmes are affected by horse body weight; age; reproductive state; condition; level and type of work; type and temperament; tired, sick and fussy horses
- K2 Dietary requirements for horses: forage, concentrates and water
- K3 Types of feed, feed preparation, hay alternatives
- K4 The types of dietary additives or supplements and reasons for their inclusion in the diet
- K5 Diseases and illnesses which require special diets
- K6 The function of the digestive system
- K7 Rules of feeding and watering
- K8 Reasons for using different systems of feeding
- K9 The effects of availability, seasonality and costs on planning rations
- K10 Your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation/codes of practice.

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**Scope/range**

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Scope/range  
related to  
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criteria

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related to  
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**Values**

[VALUES]

**Behaviours**

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**Glossary**

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**External Links**

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