

[Prepare and maintain grazing land for horses]



Overview

This standard is about preparing and maintaining the quality, quantity and suitability of grazing land for horses. This includes identifying and controlling the presence of weeds and poisonous plants, identifying and removing hazards, ensuring an adequate supply of suitable water and checking boundaries.

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

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

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 Assess that the quantity and quality of grazing is appropriate for grazing horses
- P2 Identify and control the presence of weeds and poisonous plants
- P3 Identify the presence of any hazards and take the appropriate action
- P4 Assess and maintain the safety and security of boundaries
- P5 Provide and maintain an adequate supply of uncontaminated water
- P6 Record the condition of the grazing land
- 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 to improve the quality of poor grazing
- K2 How to maintain the quality of good grazing
- K3 How to recognise and control the presence of weeds and poisonous plants
- K4 How to minimise parasitic infestation on grazing land
- K5 Different types of boundaries, their suitability and use
- K6 How shelter may be provided and maintained
- K7 Importance of a suitably located water supply
- K8 How to manage the water supply throughout the year
- K9 Importance of maintaining security to grazing areas
- K10 Risks to horses, yourself and others and how these can be minimised, or reported
- K11 Your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation/codes of practice.

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