Contribute to the use of horses for agricultural work



Overview

This standard is about contributing to the use of horses for agricultural work. It involves being able to provide routine care for horses, preparing horses for work, promoting the care and well-being of horses during work, and caring for them after work.

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 within the workplace.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 Identify own role and responsibilities relating to contributing to cultivating land and crops using horses and horse drawn agricultural and land-based implements
- P2 Identify appropriate horses for the intended use, according to type, training, fitness and quantity
- P3 Identify harnesses and implements which are appropriate for the intended use
- P4 Prepare horses, harnesses and implements for the intended use
- P5 Be responsible for working with and supervising others in the preparation of horses, harnesses and implements for the intended use
- P6 Care for the well-being of horses before, during and after use
- P7 Assist with moving implements into position prior to use and storing after use
- P8 Clean, carry out routine checks and maintenance, and store harnesses and vehicles between uses
- P9 Use cleaning materials and equipment according to instructions
- P10 Dispose of waste responsibly
- P11 Maintain safety of self and others and the welfare of the horse whilst working.

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 Your role and responsibilities in contributing to cultivating land and crops using horses and horse drawn implements
- K2 How to select horse drawn implements and equipment for a range of uses
- K3 How to select the correct harness for the intended purpose
- K4 How to select horses for the intended use
- K5 Understand the weight-pulling and load-bearing capacities of individual horses, and of multiples of horses in relation to a range of implements and tasks
- K6 Methods of checking and preparing implements, harnesses and horses for the intended range of uses, and cleaning, carrying out routine maintenance and storing between uses
- K7 How to recognise signs of ill-health, lameness, unfitness and stress in the horse before, during and after work
- K8 How to monitor the well-being of horses whilst working
- K9 How to minimise stress in the working horse
- K10 How to use cleaning materials and equipment correctly
- K11 How to dispose of waste responsibly
- K12 How to maintain safety of self and others and the welfare of the horse whilst working

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