

## Overview

This standard is about feeding and watering horses under supervision and refers to both stabled horses and horses at grass. It covers the provision of feed and water to single horses and groups of horses.

The work described in this standard would be carried out under the direction of a supervisor. This could be direct supervision or it could be through providing instructions and monitoring work.

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

## Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. wear appropriate clothing and personal protective equipment for the activity according to instructions
2. approach the horse in accordance with instructions and in a manner that minimises stress to the horse and risk to yourself and others
3. feed the horses in the correct place, under supervision
4. supply the horses with water using the correct sources, system and quantities, under supervision
5. report any changes in the feeding and drinking habits of horses to the supervisor
6. clean and replace feeding and watering equipment, checking it is fit for use
7. dispose of feed waste safely and correctly
8. be aware of the health and safety of yourself and others, and the welfare of the horse, during the activity

## Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the use and care of personal protective equipment
2. the methods of feeding and watering horses throughout the year, including stabled horses and horses at grass
3. the types of feed including forage and concentrate
4. the normal feeding habits of the horses in your care
5. the types of changes in horses' feeding habits that may occur, and why it is important to report any changes
6. how to read a feed chart
7. how to weigh a hay net
8. how to approach horses in an appropriate manner to minimize stress and risk to yourself and others
9. how equipment should be cleaned, maintained and stored
10. the hygiene requirements for horses, yourself and others
11. the correct methods for the disposal of waste
12. your responsibilities for animal health and welfare and health and safety

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**Scope/range**

Feeding and watering:

- stabled horses
- horses at grass
- single horses
- groups of horses

Types of feed:

- forage
- concentrate

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