
Overview

This standard is about being able to assist with working with horses and horse drawn agricultural implements in land-based activities such as crop cultivation, planting and harvesting.

The standard involves being able to prepare horses and implements for work, and care for and maintain after work. It involves being able to assist with controlling and caring for the horse whilst working and before and after use. It involves being able to assist with moving agricultural implements into position for work.

The work described in this standard would be carried out following agreement of responsibilities with a supervisor.

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 Check horses are fit for work, report any areas of concern and take action as instructed to maintain the horse's welfare
- P2 Prepare fit horses for work; groom to a standard appropriate for the intended use
- P3 Identify the harness appropriate for the intended task, and harness up the horses
- P4 Identify the agricultural implement appropriate for the intended task, and check it is in working order and fit for use
- P5 Assist with positioning the implement ready for use
- P6 Assist with hitching the horses to the implement
- P7 Assist the operator with the horses and implement whilst working in a range of agricultural and land-based activities
- P8 Monitor the horses whilst working for signs of fatigue or stress, report and take actions as instructed
- P9 Care for the horses during rest breaks as instructed
- P10 Check over and care for the horses after use
- P11 Check over, care for and store the harness and implement after use
- P12 Work in a way which maintains the safety of self and others and the welfare of the horses

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Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and
understand:*

- K1 Your role and responsibilities in assisting with working with horses and horse drawn implements in agricultural and land-based activities
- K2 How to recognise signs of ill-health, injury, lameness, and harness sores prior to use
- K3 How to check feet and shoes, if worn, are fit for purpose
- K4 The welfare implications of working horses which are showing signs of ill-health, injury, lameness, harness sores or injury or damage to feet or shoes
- K5 The correct selection and use of harness for the required task
- K6 The correct selection and use of implements for the required tasks
- K7 How to check and prepare implements ready for use
- K8 How to recognise signs of fatigue, lameness or stress in the horse whilst working, and what actions to take for the welfare of the horse
- K9 Methods of caring for the horse during rest-breaks
- K10 How to check over and care for the horse after use
- K11 How to check over, care for and store harnesses and implements after use
- K12 How to work in a way which maintains the safety of self and others and the welfare of the horses.

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