

### Overview

This standard is about shoeing equine feet as determined in the footcare plan. The purpose of shoeing a horse is for protection, correction and grip. You will need to be capable of shoeing a variety of equine feet which could include:

1. pony
2. competition horse
3. hunter
4. donkey
5. driving horse
6. draught horse
7. racehorse
8. riding horse
9. mule

In order to 'fit horseshoes' you will need to approach and handle the equine in a humane manner which is likely to eliminate stress and alarm, and work in a position that is safe for the equine and yourself. You will need to select and shape the correct type of shoes and then fit shoes making the necessary adjustments to achieve the final fit. You must be able to fit fore and hind shoes to different types of equines and you will need to be able to carry out hot and cold shoeing. You will need to be able to fit manufactured shoes from stock, and fit basic shoes that you have made yourself for a selected equine. You will be able to fit the following metal/alloy shoe types:

1. concave
2. plain stamped
3. flat fullered

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### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

- P1 select a method of humane handling and control that is appropriate for the equine concerned and its requirements in order to minimise the risks to the animal, the handler, yourself and others
- P2 adopt a working position that is safe for the equine and yourself
- P3 select shoes of the correct type, material and size
- P4 shape selected shoes incorporating any ancillary features as determined by the agreed footcare plan
- P5 fit shoes using appropriate tools and methods
- P6 ensure that the animal's health and welfare is maintained throughout
- P7 maintain the health and safety of the equine, yourself and others at all times

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

#### **Working with equines**

K1 how to ensure that the animal's health and welfare is maintained throughout

*You need to know and understand:*

#### **Shoes**

K2 techniques for the alteration of shoe shape

K3 methods of measuring for fitting shoes

K4 working parameters of metals/alloys used in the making of shoes

K5 types of shoes and their uses

K6 ancillary features incorporated in shoes and their uses

K7 properties of metals and their correct working temperatures

K8 the correct temperature of the shoe when fitting

K9 how to recognise symptoms of incorrectly fitted shoes

K10 types, uses of, correct and safe application of modern materials

K11 when and why shoes would be fitted cold

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