

### Overview

In order to 'attach horseshoes and finish the shoeing process' 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 select the appropriate tools for the task including:

1. Hammer / pinchers
2. Clenching tongs
3. Clench groover
4. Rasp
5. Hoof stand

You will be able to attach the shoes safely, securely and in the correct position taking account of all the following factors:

1. Placement of nails
2. Placement of shoe
3. Quality of finish
4. Nailing sequence
5. Equine requirements

You will need to review the effectiveness of your work and inform the responsible person of any foot care requirements. As identified in the footcare plan you will need to be able to attach and fit fore and hind shoes for different types of equines. You will need to attach and finish manufactured shoes and shoes you have made yourself.

Responsible person – owner or nominated person

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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 tools and nails fit for the purpose of attaching and clenching shoes
  - P4 attach the shoe safely, securely and in the correct position according to the footcare plan, taking into account all the relevant factors
  - P5 finish the hoof according to the specification
  - P6 trot up the equine and confirm its soundness
  - P7 evaluate finished job and welfare of equine
  - P8 inform the responsible person of the actions taken and advise on the equine's future foot care requirements
  - P9 ensure that the animal's health and welfare is maintained throughout
  - P10 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 techniques and reasons for clenching
- K2 methods of attaching shoes
- K3 selection of correct nails appropriate to the hoof
- K4 how to recognise symptoms of incorrectly fitted shoes
- K5 how to recognise symptoms of incorrectly attached shoes
- K6 tools for attaching and finishing shoes and their use
- K7 use of welds, pins and plugs and studs
- K8 nailing sequences and the positioning of nails
- K9 the effect of heat and the welfare of the equine during the fitting process

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