

Overview

This standard is about providing feed and water to horses.

You will need to feed both concentrates and roughage to a range of horses in stables and fields.

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

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

You will need to be able to recognise hazards in the workplace.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. select and wear appropriate clothing and personal protective equipment for the activity, according to instructions
2. prepare feed rations, according to instructions
3. seek clarification when instructions are not clear
4. provide feed and water to horses, in the required place, using appropriate methods
5. identify types of feed and assess their quality
6. report any changes in the feeding and drinking habits of horses to the appropriate person, this could include verbal or written
7. maintain the equipment so that it is fit for use, and store it safely and securely
8. dispose of waste safely and correctly
9. maintain the safety of yourself and others, and the welfare of the horse, during the activity
10. communicate with others and maintain affective team work

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the selection, use and care of personal protective equipment
2. how to identify feed and feed quality, and how to prepare rations
3. the different types of forage and concentrate feed in common use
4. the differences between feeding an individual horse and groups of horses
5. the differences in feeding stabled horses and horses in the field
6. how to dispose of waste feed and packaging
7. the correct storage and use of equipment and feedstuffs
8. the signs and effects of vermin contamination and the appropriate action to be taken
9. the rules of good feeding and watering practice
10. how to recognise dehydration in horses and the action to be taken
11. what to do if there are changes in the feeding and drinking behaviour of the horse, this could include verbal or written
12. the basic anatomy and function of the digestive system
13. the risks to horses, yourself and others and how these can be minimised
14. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice.

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Scope/range

Feeding horses in different environments:

- stable
- field

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Glossary

Waste includes:

- leftover feed
- hay
- string
- other packaging

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