



HC-L1-P01

YARD DUTIES AND STABLE MANAGEMENT

Assessment Criteria covered:

102 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 **104** 2.1 **110** 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.6, 2.1, 3.1, 3.3

Task Overview

Learners will carry out routine yard duties safely and effectively to maintain a clean, organised, and hygienic stable environment. This practical task focuses on safe working practices, manual handling, correct use of PPE, safe use of tools and equipment, and maintaining high standards of yard cleanliness. No horse handling is included within this task. Learners must demonstrate the ability to work safely, follow instructions, use equipment correctly, and maintain hygiene standards throughout all activities.

Activities to be Completed

Learners must complete the following practical duties:

- Muck out a stable correctly
- Remove dirty bedding and waste safely
- Re-bed the stable appropriately
- Sweep and tidy the yard area
- Keep walkways free from hazards and obstructions
- Clean drains and remove debris safely
- Use yard tools and equipment correctly and safely
- Store tools and equipment correctly after use
- Dispose of waste in the correct area
- Demonstrate safe manual handling techniques throughout
- Wear appropriate PPE during all activities

Use of Tools and Equipment

Learners must demonstrate safe and correct use of yard tools, including:

- Shovel
- Broom
- Rake/fork
- Wheelbarrow
- Skipping tools

Learners should:

- Use tools for their intended purpose
- Carry tools safely around the yard
- Avoid leaving tools where they could create hazards
- Check equipment for damage before use
- Clean and store equipment correctly after use



PPE Requirements

Learners must select and wear suitable PPE, including:

- Sturdy footwear or yard boots
- Gloves
- Overalls or suitable yard clothing
- Waterproof clothing if required

Learners should explain why PPE is important when carrying out yard duties.

Manual Handling Requirements

Learners must demonstrate safe lifting and carrying techniques when:

- Moving bedding
- Carrying tools
- Handling muck barrows
- Removing waste

Learners should show:

- Correct posture
- Bending knees rather than back
- Awareness of load weight
- Safe movement around the yard

Health and Safety Requirements

Learners must:

- Work safely at all times
- Identify hazards in the working area
- Keep equipment stored safely
- Prevent slips, trips, and falls
- Maintain hygiene standards
- Follow instructions from staff

Examples of hazards may include:

- Wet floors
- Blocked drains
- Sharp objects
- Untidy equipment
- Tools left on the floor
- Overflowing waste areas
- Correct use of PPE
- Safe manual handling techniques
- Safe use and storage of tools and equipment
- Ability to maintain cleanliness and hygiene
- Awareness of hazards and accident prevention