



HC-L1-P02 – FEEDING AND WATERING

Assessment Criteria covered:

106 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 2.1, 2.2 **110** 1.5

Task Overview

Learners will carry out routine feeding and watering duties safely and effectively within the yard environment. This practical task focuses on preparing feeds correctly, maintaining hygiene, using equipment safely, manual handling, correct PPE, and ensuring feeding and watering areas remain clean and organised.

Learners must demonstrate safe working practices and an understanding of the importance of correct feeding and watering procedures for horse health and wellbeing.

Activities to be Completed

Learners must complete the following practical duties:

- Prepare feeds following instructions provided
- Measure and portion feed correctly
- Carry feed and water safely
- Fill and check water containers or drinkers
- Clean feed bowls, buckets, and water containers
- Identify spoiled or contaminated feed and water
- Maintain cleanliness in feed and storage areas
- Sweep and tidy feeding areas after use
- Use tools and equipment correctly and safely
- Store feed and equipment correctly after use
- Wear appropriate PPE during all activities

Use of Tools and Equipment

Learners must demonstrate safe and correct use of feeding equipment, including:

- Feed scoops
- Buckets
- Wheelbarrows
- Water containers
- Brushes and cleaning tools

Learners should:

- Use equipment for its intended purpose
- Carry equipment safely
- Avoid cross contamination
- Check equipment for cleanliness and 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 where appropriate
- Suitable yard clothing
- Waterproof clothing if required

Learners should explain why PPE is important during feeding and watering tasks.



Manual Handling Requirements

Learners must demonstrate safe lifting and carrying techniques when:

- Carrying feed sacks
- Lifting water buckets
- Moving equipment
- Transporting feeds safely around the yard

Learners should show:

- Correct posture
- Bending knees rather than back
- Awareness of heavy loads
- Safe movement around others and equipment

Health and Safety Requirements

Learners must:

- Work safely at all times
- Maintain hygiene standards
- Prevent contamination of feed and water
- Keep walkways clear and tidy
- Store feed securely
- Follow instructions from staff

Examples of hazards may include:

- Wet or slippery floors
- Spillages
- Heavy lifting
- Spoiled feed
- Untidy storage areas
- Equipment left in walkways

Assessment Criteria Covered

Learners will demonstrate:

- Safe working practices within a yard environment
- Correct use of PPE
- Safe manual handling techniques
- Safe use and storage of tools and equipment
- Ability to prepare feed correctly
- Ability to maintain hygiene and cleanliness
- Awareness of hazards and contamination risks

Evidence Required

Evidence may include:

- Assessor observation
- Photographs
- Witness statement
- Learner questioning
- Completed practical work