



HC-L1-P04 - RUGGING

Assessment Criteria covered:

116 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 2.1

Task Overview

Learners will demonstrate safe and effective rugging procedures within the yard environment. This practical task focuses on selecting appropriate rugs, fitting and removing rugs safely, maintaining hygiene and organisation, using PPE correctly, and following safe manual handling and health and safety procedures.

Learners must work calmly and safely around horses at all times while following instructions from staff.

Activities to be Completed

Learners must complete the following practical duties:

- Identify different types of horse rugs
- Select an appropriate rug following instructions provided
- Check rugs for cleanliness and damage
- Put on and remove rugs safely
- Fasten straps and buckles correctly
- Fold and store rugs neatly after use
- Maintain a clean and tidy working area
- Use equipment safely and correctly
- Wear appropriate PPE during all activities

Use of Tools and Equipment

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

- Stable rugs
- Turnout rugs
- Fleeces or coolers
- Rug storage equipment

Learners should:

- Handle rugs safely and carefully
- Avoid dragging rugs on the floor
- Check straps and fastenings before use
- Store rugs neatly and safely after use
- Report damaged rugs or broken fastenings

PPE Requirements

Learners must select and wear suitable PPE, including:

- Sturdy footwear or yard boots
- Gloves where appropriate
- Suitable yard clothing

Learners should explain why PPE is important when working around horses and handling equipment.

Manual Handling Requirements

Learners must demonstrate safe handling techniques when:

- Carrying folded rugs
- Lifting heavier rugs
- Moving equipment around the yard



Learners should show:

- Correct posture
- Safe lifting techniques
- Awareness of bulky or awkward loads
- Safe movement around horses and other learners

Health and Safety Requirements

Learners must:

- Work calmly and safely around horses
- Follow instructions from staff
- Maintain awareness of surroundings
- Keep working areas tidy
- Store rugs safely after use
- Report damaged equipment

Examples of hazards may include:

- Rugs left on the floor creating trip hazards
- Broken straps or buckles
- Wet or dirty rugs
- Untidy storage areas
- Unsafe behaviour around horses