



HC-L1-P07 - WASHING

Assessment Criteria covered:

108 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.2, 3.1

Task Overview

Learners will demonstrate safe and effective horse washing techniques within the yard environment. This practical task focuses on preparing the washing area safely, using equipment correctly, maintaining horse comfort and hygiene, following health and safety procedures, and working calmly around horses.

Learners must demonstrate safe working practices at all times while following instructions from staff.

Activities to be Completed

Learners must complete the following practical duties:

- Prepare the washing area safely
- Secure the horse safely for washing
- Select and use appropriate washing equipment
- Wash the horse safely and effectively
- Use water safely around the horse
- Remove excess water using appropriate equipment
- Monitor the horse's comfort and behaviour throughout
- Maintain cleanliness and hygiene during the task
- Clean and store equipment correctly after use
- Leave the washing area clean and tidy
- Wear appropriate PPE during all activities

Use of Tools and Equipment

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

- Hose or water source
- Buckets
- Sponges
- Sweat scraper
- Towels
- Horse shampoo if required

Learners should:

- Use equipment for its intended purpose
- Use water at a safe temperature where applicable
- Avoid spraying directly at the horse's face
- Prevent excess water on walkways
- Clean and store equipment correctly after use

PPE Requirements

Learners must select and wear suitable PPE, including:

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

Learners should explain why PPE is important during washing activities.



Manual Handling and Safe Working

Learners must demonstrate safe working practices when:

- Carrying buckets
- Handling hoses and equipment
- Moving safely around the horse

Learners should show:

- Correct posture when lifting or carrying water
- Calm and controlled movements
- Safe positioning around the horse
- Awareness of slippery surfaces and trip hazards

Health and Safety Requirements

Learners must:

- Work calmly and safely around horses
- Follow instructions from staff
- Maintain awareness of horse behaviour
- Prevent slips, trips, and falls
- Keep equipment organised and stored safely
- Maintain hygiene standards throughout

Examples of hazards may include:

- Wet and slippery floors
- Loose hoses
- Sudden horse movements
- Water spillages
- Equipment left in walkways
- Unsafe use of water around the horse