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**NATIONAL CERTIFICATE MODULE DESCRIPTOR**

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<b>-Module Number-</b>	<b>1182660</b>	<b>-Session-1990-91</b>
<b>-Superclass-</b>	<b>MH</b>	

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<b>-Title-</b>	<b>HORSE CLOTHING (x<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>)</b>
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**-DESCRIPTION-**

Purpose	This module is designed to enable the student to acquire the skills and knowledge required to apply and care for horse rugs, apply stable and tail bandages and fit travelling and exercise boots.
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It is aimed at those who wish to develop their abilities as an assistant worker in the horse industry.

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Preferred Entry Level	1182600	Health and Safety at Work for Assisting Worker with Horses.
	1182610	Basic Handling of Horses.

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Outcomes	The student should:  1. apply and care for horse rugs;  2. apply and care for stable and tail bandages;  3. fit and care for travelling and exercise boots and bandages.
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Assessment Procedures	Acceptable performance in the module will be satisfactory achievement of all the Performance Criteria specified for each Outcome.
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The following abbreviations are used below:

PC	Performance Criteria
IA	Instrument of Assessment

**Note:** The Outcomes and PCs are mandatory and cannot be altered. The IA may be altered by arrangement with SQA. (Where a range of performance is indicated, this should be regarded as an extension of the PCs and is therefore mandatory.)

## **OUTCOME 1      APPLY AND CARE FOR HORSE RUGS**

- PCs
- (a) The selection of the horse rug is appropriate for the horse and the conditions encountered.
  - (b) The application of the horse rug is in accordance with the conditions encountered.
  - (c) The cleaning of the rug is in accordance with the material of the rug.
  - (d) The storage of the rug is correct.
  - (e) The explanation of the uses of different types of rugs is correct.

### **IA      Assignment**

The student will be set an assignment to test the knowledge and skills required to apply and care for horse rugs.

The student will be expected to select, apply and care for horse rugs, meeting the standards specified in the Performance Criteria and explain the uses of different types of rugs.

The assessment may be carried out with the aid of an observation checklist.

Satisfactory achievement of the Outcome will be based on all the Performance Criteria being met.

## **OUTCOME 2      APPLY AND CARE FOR STABLE AND TAIL BANDAGES**

- PCs
- (a) The outline of the danger of poor bandaging is correct.
  - (b) The fitting of stable bandages is appropriate to maintain the horse's body temperature and to protect the horse.
  - (c) The application of a tail bandage is correct.
  - (d) The removal of bandages is carried out safely.
  - (e) The rolling up of the bandages is appropriate for their future use.
  - (f) The cleaning of bandages is in accordance with the bandage material.
  - (g) The explanation of the principles of bandaging is comprehensive.

## IA Assignment

The student will be set an assignment to test the knowledge and skills required to apply stable and tail bandages.

The student will be expected to apply stable and tail bandages, meeting the standards specified in the Performance Criteria and discuss the principles of bandaging and the dangers of poor bandaging.

The assessment may be carried out with the aid of an observation checklist.

Satisfactory achievement of the Outcome will be based on all the Performance Criteria being met.

**OUTCOME 3****FIT AND CARE FOR TRAVELLING AND EXERCISE BOOTS AND BANDAGES**

## PCs

- (a) The selection of boots and bandages is appropriate for the activity of the horse.
- (b) The fitting of the boots and bandages is correct.
- (c) The cleaning of a range of boots and bandages is correct.
- (d) The explanation of the advantages and disadvantages of different types of boots and bandages for specific purposes is correct.

## IA Assignment

The student will be set an assignment to test the application of knowledge and skill required to fit and care for travelling and exercise boots and bandages.

The student will be expected to select and fit travelling and exercise boots and bandages, meeting the standards specified in the Performance Criteria and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of different types of boots and bandages for specific purposes.

The assessment may be carried out with the aid of an observation checklist.

Satisfactory achievement of the Outcome will be based on all the Performance Criteria being met.

**The following sections of the descriptor are offered as guidance.  
They are not mandatory.**

### CONTENT/CONTEXT

Safety regulations and safe working practices and procedures should be adhered to at all times.

Corresponding to Outcomes 1-3:

1. The application of a range of horse rugs suited to the season of the year and the condition of the horse. The fitting of the rug (including fillet string/leg straps) with attention to the comfort of the horse with extra care in handling young/strange horses. Cleaning, washing and maintenance of rugs, suitable for their type and material. Minor repairs and storage of rugs when not in use.
2. Application of tail bandage, with due regard for safety of the handler and comfort of the horse. Bandaging for warmth and protection including use of extra padding where necessary with due regard to safety. Removal and rolling of bandages. Washing and care suitable for the type of materials and fastening. Explanation of the principles and dangers of bandaging.
3. Selection and fitting of boots and bandages required for protection of horse's legs during exercise. Dressing of horse for travel. Cleaning of common types of boots with regard to fastenings ie. leather and velcro. Fitting of knee and hock boots for protection. The choice of boots for the purpose including travelling boots. Problems of incorrect fitting in terms of danger to the horse or handler and possible health problems with the misuse of the equipment.

**SUGGESTED LEARNING AND TEACHING APPROACHES**

Series of short Lectures/Demonstrations on the range of horse clothing available. Visit to Saddler and makers of horse clothing. Practical demonstration to show correct fitting of rugs, boots and bandages. Practical exercise in identification and maintenance. Observation of uses of rugs and bandages at Equestrian events. Video/live. Attendance at Competitions to see clothing in practical use.

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