

VCE VET Equine Studies

Written examination – End of year

Examination specifications

Overall conditions

The examination will be sat at a time and date to be set annually by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). VCAA examination rules will apply. Details of these rules are published annually in the *VCE and VCAL Administrative Handbook*.

There will be 15 minutes reading time and 1 hour and 30 minutes writing time.

The examination will be marked by a panel appointed by the VCAA.

The examination will contribute 34 per cent to the study score.

Content

The VCE VET Equine Studies examination will be based on the following compulsory units of competency from Units 3 and 4:

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| • VU22682 | Implement and monitor horse health and welfare practices | Version 1 | 50 hours |
| • VU22683 | Implement and monitor horse feeding programs | Version 1 | 50 hours |
| • VU22684 | Relate equine form to function | Version 1 | 50 hours |
| • VU22686 | Identify and describe equine physiology | Version 1 | 50 hours |

The weighting of marks on the examination will approximately reflect the proportion of nominal delivery hours of each unit of competency that is examinable for this program. The electives will not be examined.

The examination will focus on the required knowledge and an understanding of the required skills and range statement, as outlined in the elements and performance criteria of the relevant units of competency.

Format

The examination will be in the form of a question and answer book.

The examination will consist of two sections.

Section A will consist of 20 multiple-choice questions worth 1 mark each and will be worth a total of 20 marks.

Section B will consist of a number of short- and some extended-answer questions worth a total of 80 marks. Questions may include short scenarios, multiple parts, use of stimulus material and/or diagrams that require labelling.

All questions will be compulsory. The total marks for the examination will be 100.

Answers to Section A are to be recorded on the answer sheet provided for multiple-choice questions.

Answers to Section B are to be recorded in the spaces provided in the question and answer book.

Approved materials and equipment

- Normal stationery requirements (pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers)
- One scientific calculator

Relevant references

The following publications should be referred to in relation to the VCE VET Equine Studies examination:

- *VCE VET Equine Studies Program Booklet*
- *VCE VET Scored Assessment Guide* (published February 2021)
- *VCAA Bulletin*

Advice

A separate document containing sample questions has been published on the VCE VET Equine Studies 'Examination specifications, past examinations and examination reports' page on the VCAA website.

Teachers and students should refer to the sample questions and past examinations for an indication of the types of questions that can be expected.

The sample questions relate to the unit of competency VU22683 Implement and monitor horse feeding programs and VU22686 Identify and describe equine physiology.

Answers to multiple-choice questions are provided on page 8 of the sample questions document.

Answers to other questions are not provided.

Past examinations have examples of questions from units of competency that are equivalent to the following:

- VU22682 Implement and monitor horse health and welfare practices
- VU22683 Implement and monitor horse feeding programs
- VU22684 Relate equine form to function
- VU22686 Identify and describe equine physiology