

Equine Studies

AQF VET qualification: 22246VIC Certificate II in Equine Studies

Accredited course: currency period 1 January 2014 – 31 December 2018

BOSTES course name	Pattern of study	BOSTES course number	Schools Online (Administration) entry advice
Equine Studies (300 hours)	3 units x 1 year	tba	Enter this course number for either Preliminary (Year 11) or HSC (Year 12) depending on pattern of delivery
	and		
	2 units x 1 year	tba	Enter this course number for both Preliminary (Year 11) or HSC (Year 12) depending on pattern of delivery
Equine Studies (360 hours)	3 units x 2 years	tba	Enter this course number for both Preliminary (Year 11) and HSC (Year 12)

Eligibility: Nil

Exclusions: Equine Studies (School Developed Board Endorsed Course – SDBEC)
Horse Industry Practice
Racing (Stablehand) – Certificate I
Racing (Stablehand) – Certificate II

HSC course requirements

Equine Industry (300 indicative hours)

- the possible qualification outcome is 22246VIC Certificate II in Equine Studies
- accredited for a total of 5 units at the Preliminary and/or HSC level
- attempt all core units of competency and elective units of competency to a minimum of 45 HSC indicative hours and to meet qualification packaging rules
- complete a minimum of 70 hours of mandatory work placement.

Equine Industry (360 indicative hours)

- the possible qualification outcome is 22246VIC Certificate II in Equine Studies
- accredited for a total of 6 units at the Preliminary and/or HSC level
- attempt all core units of competency and elective units of competency to a minimum of 105 HSC indicative hours and to meet qualification packaging rules
- complete a minimum of 70 hours of mandatory work placement.

The requirements for the completion of an HSC VET course are different to the requirements for AQF VET qualification completion. Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) need to ensure that delivery of courses meets HSC course requirements and complies with Training Package rules.

For a course to count towards the HSC program of study, students must satisfy the course completion criteria as required by the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES). (Refer to the [Assessment Certification Examination \(ACE\) website](#).)

There must be sufficient evidence that the student has:

- followed the course developed by the Board
- applied themselves with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and experiences provided in the course
- achieved some or all of the course outcomes
- (where applicable) undertaken the mandatory work placement.

Unit credit for the Higher School Certificate

Equine Studies HSC VET courses count as Board Endorsed unit credit for the HSC but do not contribute towards an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

The HSC credit units will be allocated to students' Preliminary and/or HSC patterns of study as required.

The pattern of study (BOSTES course number) entered on *Schools Online (Administration)* should reflect the delivery of the HSC VET course over successive years. For example, delivery of a 240 HSC indicative hour course over two years should be entered as 2 units x 2 years. Students will be credentialled for the HSC credit units entered each calendar year, provided they have satisfactorily completed the course requirements for that calendar year as determined by the school, college or RTO.

Course content

CORE

Unit code and title	Status for AQF VET qualification	HSC indicative hours of credit
AHCHBR203A Provide daily care for horses	core	30
AHCWRK204A Work effectively in the industry	core	20
HLTFA211A Provide basic emergency life support	core	10
SISOEQO201A Handle horses	core	20
VU21401 Work safely in an equine organisation	core	25
VU21402 Implement horse health and welfare practices	core	30
VU21403 Implement and monitor a horse feeding program	core	25
VU21404 Relate equine form and function	core	40
VU21405 Equine anatomy	core	20
VU21406 Equine physiology	core	35

Total HSC indicative hours for core units of competency: 255

ELECTIVE

Unit code and title	Status for AQF VET qualification	HSC indicative hours of credit
HLTFA311A Apply first aid	elective	20
VU21407 Demonstrate basic horse riding or driving skills Prerequisite: SISOEQO201A	elective	40
VU21408 Demonstrate novice horse riding or driving skills Prerequisite: VU21407 or SISOEQO201A or RGRPSH203A or RGRPSH205A	elective	40
VU21409 Assist in the preparation of a horse for an event	elective	30
VU21410 Assist in the conduct of an event in the equine industry	elective	25

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In summary, to attain 22246VIC Certificate II in Equine Studies students must achieve 12 units of competency including:

- 10 core units of competency/modules
- 2 elective units of competency/modules.

For further information refer to <http://training.gov.au>.

Other information

Criteria for the endorsement of Board Endorsed VET courses (VET BECs)

The criteria for endorsement of VET BECs are outlined in the *Guidelines for Stages 5 and 6 Board Endorsed VET Courses* available on the Board's website at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/voc_ed/board-endorsed-courses.html.

HSC VET course delivery

HSC VET courses can only be delivered by an RTO with the relevant qualification and units of competency on their scope of registration. Scope of registration can be checked at <http://training.gov.au>.

RTOs offering training programs for the delivery and assessment of Equine Studies HSC VET courses must meet the requirements of the VET Quality Framework, the [VET Accredited Course](#) and the HSC course.

Information about the delivery of HSC VET courses by RTOs other than school system RTOs or TAFE NSW institutes is contained on the Board's [Assessment Certification Examination \(ACE\) website](#).

Non-government schools outsourcing delivery of HSC VET courses to external providers also need to refer to the *Registered and Accredited Individual Non-government Schools (NSW) Manual* or *Registration Systems and Member Non-government Schools (NSW) Manual* which are available on the Board's website at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/manuals/#regaccreditsystemsmanuals.

HSC work placement requirements

Work placement is a mandatory HSC requirement for this Equine Studies VET course.

Students undertaking HSC VET courses as part of a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship will meet mandatory work placement hour requirements through the on-the-job training component of the school-based apprenticeship or traineeship.

Students' outside employment (ie not under the auspices of the school) may be recognised towards the requirement for work placement in a VET course (ACE 8051 – [Assessment Certification Examination \(ACE\) website](#)).

Non-completion of work placement is grounds for withholding the HSC course. Schools and colleges are advised to follow the procedure for issuing 'N' determinations as outlined on the Board's [Assessment Certification Examination \(ACE\) website](#).

Allocation of HSC indicative hours of credit

Units of competency drawn from Training Packages are not defined in terms of duration. The amount of time required by individual students to achieve competency will vary according to their aptitude and experience. Where a training program is designed for delivery by an RTO, the RTO will specify the length of the training program according to the delivery strategies and/or curriculum resources chosen.

However, for the purposes of the HSC, VET courses must be described in terms of their indicative hours. For this reason, indicative hours for unit credit towards the HSC have been assigned to each unit of competency. It is emphasised that the assignment of indicative hours does not imply that all students will fulfil all requirements of a unit of competency within these hours. RTOs may determine that additional or fewer hours are required for the achievement of particular competencies. However, this does not alter the HSC indicative hours allocated, only the delivery hours.

Students may need to spend additional time practising skills in a work environment and completing projects and assignments, in order to fulfil Training Package assessment requirements.

Exclusions

Where there is significant overlap between an HSC VET course and other HSC VET or general education courses, the Board has an exclusion between the courses. Exclusions are applied at a course level rather than at the unit of competency level.

Students can only undertake the Equine Studies (300 indicative hours) course or the Equine Studies (360 indicative hours) course.

Schools should check all course exclusions when determining an appropriate pattern of study for their students.

Course exclusions for Equine Studies are detailed on the first page of this course description.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and credit transfer within VET courses

Students who have current knowledge, skills or experience relevant to a VET course may be granted credit towards the course requirements.

Arrangements for RPL and credit transfer within VET courses, including processes, application forms and examples of possible scenarios, are detailed on the Board's website at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/voc_ed/rpl.html.

School-based apprentices and trainees

Information regarding provision for school-based apprentices and trainees within the HSC is available on the Board's website at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/voc_ed/apprenticeships-traineeships.html.

Information on requirements and arrangements for NSW school-based apprenticeships and traineeships is available at www.training.nsw.gov.au/individuals/apprenticeships_traineeships/school_based/index.html.

Students with special education needs

Students with special education needs may access a VET course in one of two ways:

- by undertaking the course under regular course arrangements, or
- by undertaking selected units of competency within the course that have been identified through the collaborative curriculum planning process.

For more information, see the [VET Courses and Students with Special Education Needs](#) fact sheet on the Board's website.

Students in Years 9 and 10 (Stage 5)

In certain circumstances students in Years 9 and 10 (Stage 5) may access Stage 6 VET courses. Further information is available on the Board's website at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/voc_ed/stage-5.html.