

## **RPL KIT FOR THE DIPLOMA OF EQUINE SMART BOWEN THERAPY**

## **PART C**

This section of the RPL process is to be completed ONLY if you are applying for Recognised Prior Learning for the “BOWEN SPECIALISATION” units of competency.

If your training was with ‘Kelda Lea Bowen Therapy’ or ‘Smart Bowen Therapy’ prior to 2008, you will probably meet the requirement for units VPAU221, VPAU222, VPAU223 and VPAU224.

Unit VPAU225 is more difficult to obtain as it has several elements within unit which you will probably not have trained in, and will therefore need to attend further training with Smart Bowen Therapy in order to gain your Diploma in Equine Smart Bowen Therapy.

Those students who attended the 2008 Equine courses and completed all of their training units, workbooks and case studies, will be able to apply for recognition in all units, as these competencies were the basis of your training.

**VPAU221 Work within an Equine Bowen Therapy framework**

This unit describes the knowledge and skills required to work effectively within an Equine Bowen Therapy framework.

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Questions	Answers		What is your evidence?	Result
	Yes	No		
<p><b>Demonstrate commitment to the central philosophies of Equine Bowen Therapy practice by knowing how to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>define and demonstrate the Equine Bowen Therapy and the Bowen Therapy technique to owners/riders/trainers.</li> <li>describe the historical development of Bowen Therapy to owners / riders / trainers or the public.</li> <li>identify and explain the central philosophies of Bowen Therapy to owners / riders / trainers or the public.</li> <li>apply the Bowen Therapy philosophy to interpret horse health issues.</li> </ul>				
<p><b>Can you identify and describe the principles and practices of Equine Bowen Therapy to the owner/rider/trainer such as:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the major methods of treatment used in Equine Bowen Therapy ?</li> <li>clarifying the assessment techniques in Equine Bowen Therapy for the owners / riders / trainers?</li> </ul>				

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<p><b>Can you present the Equine Bowen Therapy framework to the community by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• explaining in an easily understood way, in a one-to-one and group setting, the practices and principles of Equine Bowen Therapy?</li> <li>• provide answers to enquiries are clarified and appropriate information?</li> <li>• explain the importance of the owner/trainer/rider in bringing relevant data to the consultation?</li> <li>• discuss alternative sources of information/advice with the owner/trainer/rider?</li> </ul>				
<p><b>Demonstrate how you work within clinical, field and regulatory guidelines by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• clarifying clinical and field guidelines .</li> <li>• following legal and regulatory guidelines.</li> <li>• using relevant documentation.</li> </ul>				

**VPAU222 Provide the Equine Bowen therapy health assessment**

This unit covers the knowledge and skills required to observe the condition of the client (horse or larger animal) and gather information relevant to the case in order to plan and provide effective Equine Bowen Therapy treatments.

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<p><b>When determining the scope of the assessment and the client’s needs do you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• establish the horse/animal owner/rider/trainer’s reasons for seeking a consultation and the signs and symptoms experienced are identified?</li> <li>• assess the client’s suitability for treatment based on client history, equine Bowen therapy principles and clinic/personal policies?</li> <li>• clearly explained the equine Bowen Therapy treatment and any limitations of that treatment to the owner/rider/trainer.</li> <li>• explored and clarified the client’s owner/rider/trainer expectation of the treatment outcome?</li> <li>• identify factors that may influence or limit assessment in consultation with the client’s owner/rider/trainer and explain any such limitations, and discuss how they may be overcome?</li> </ul>				

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>explain the professional equine/animal Bowen Therapy practice guidelines and parameters of the role are explained to the client's owner/rider/trainer as the basis of treatment and case management.</li> <li>Client is referred to other equine/animal health care professionals where the needs of the client are identified as beyond the scope of the treatment able to be provided, or if in the opinion of the practitioner the needs of the client are best met by doing so.</li> </ul>				
<p><b>Do you record an accurate history of the client by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>seeking in a professional manner preliminary information required from the client's owner/rider/trainer for completing the client's history to complement assessment?</li> <li>record in a form that can be interpreted readily by other professionals, accurate, relevant and well organised information that is collected?</li> <li>manage information in a confidential and secure way.</li> </ul>				
<p><b>When you prepare the client for assessment do you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>obtain informed consent from the client's owner/rider/trainer, prior to conducting assessment in accordance with relevant legislation and regulations?</li> </ul>				

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• establish and respected the equine client boundaries at all times?</li> <li>• use safe horse handling equipment when handling the horse for assessment and treatment process?</li> <li>• recognise indicators of horse behaviours?</li> <li>• seek feedback from client’s owner/rider/trainer?</li> </ul>				
<p><b>When you analyse the patient and owner/trainer/rider assessment information do you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identify and routinely observe essential requirements for the maintenance of clinical and practitioner hygiene?</li> <li>• consider the potential sensitivities of the client, owner/rider/trainer and that you as the practitioner, adapt your approach accordingly?</li> <li>• through observation, palpation and sensory information gathering techniques assess the client?</li> <li>• take any veterinary diagnosis into account during the assessment process and record it?</li> <li>• identify contra-indications to any subsequent treatment and record them?</li> </ul>				

**VPAU223 Plan the equine Bowen therapy treatment strategy**

This unit covers the knowledge and skills required to interpret and utilize information gathered in the health assessment as the basis for Equine Bowen therapy treatments.

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<p><b>Do you interpret and record assessment outcomes by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the case history and the results of the horse health assessment to determine your treatment and record the results?</li> <li>the signs and symptoms of possible underlying conditions in the equine client are confirmed as indications or contra-indicators of treatment procedures and for any referral and then recorded?</li> <li>collate and record information in ways that can be understood readily by other equine health professionals?</li> <li>record the interpretation of identified body patterns and gait abnormalities?</li> </ul>				
<p><b>Do you discuss or inform the client’s owner/trainer/rider of the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>using your knowledge, experience and the equine Bowen therapy principles determine the treatment priorities once assessed and assigned, in consultation with the equine client’s owner/trainer/rider?</li> </ul>				

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• discuss with the equine client’s owner/trainer/rider the rationale for the treatment priorities?</li> <li>• respond to the equine client’s owner/rider/trainer enquiries professionally?</li> <li>• use language the owner/rider/trainer understands?</li> <li>• inform the owner/rider/trainer of any referral and collaborative options available when necessary.</li> </ul>				
<p><b>Do you develop the treatment strategy after considering:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• using alternative treatment approaches and strategies for treatment are established according to an assessment of equine client’s condition and circumstances?</li> <li>• any contra-indications to treatment and possible complicating factors are ascertained and treatment strategies selected according to equine Bowen Therapy principles?</li> <li>• the horse’s condition and circumstances are considered before an appropriate treatment strategy is determined?</li> </ul>				

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<p><b>Do you negotiate agreement to the treatment strategy and plan with the equine client’s owner/trainer/rider by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• discussing the equine treatment strategy and plan with the owner / trainer / rider, and answering their questions and ensuring their understanding?</li> <li>• explaining any perceived risks or constraints associated with the equine client’s condition and treatment to the owner/trainer/rider?</li> <li>• gaining agreement with the strategy and plan with the horse’s owner/trainer/rider\?</li> <li>• discussing the different roles of practitioner the equine client, and the owner/trainer/rider within the treatment plan?</li> <li>• acknowledgement of their role in recommended post treatment activities is gained from the owner/trainer/rider and recorded?</li> </ul>				

**VPAU224 Provide the Equine Bowen Therapy treatment**

This unit describes the knowledge and skills required to administer Equine Bowen Therapy treatments according to the philosophy and practices in an Equine Bowen Therapy framework.

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<p><b>When Managing the treatment do you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• explain to the client’s owners the initial equine Bowen therapy treatment plan?</li> <li>• answer any queries from the owner/rider/trainer with clarity, using appropriate language factors which may interfere with the effectiveness of the equine Bowen therapy treatment?</li> <li>• use honesty and integrity when explaining equine Bowen therapy treatment plans and recommendations to the owner/rider/trainer.</li> <li>• explain to the owner/rider/trainer the modes of administration and management of the treatment?</li> <li>• Confirm informed consent for treatment with the owner/rider/trainer before the commencement of the client assessment and treatment processes?</li> <li>• Apply the equine Bowen therapy treatment according to the treatment plan.</li> <li>• Recognise reactions to the equine Bowen therapy treatment and respond as necessary.</li> </ul>				

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<p><b>Do you adjust the equine Bowen therapy techniques as required by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• using safe work practices at all times to protect the horse, practitioner, assistant, and owner/rider/trainer while the equine Bowen therapy techniques are being applied?</li> <li>• applying the equine Bowen therapy techniques according to a treatment plan?</li> <li>• seeking feedback from the client and owner/rider/trainer and acknowledging and then acted on during the application of the equine Bowen therapy techniques?</li> <li>• adapting the Equine Bowen therapy techniques to achieve specific therapeutic outcomes?</li> </ul>				
<p><b>Do you evaluate treatment after completion by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reviewing treatment outcomes with the client and the owner / rider / trainer.</li> <li>• considering any progress from any of previous treatments and record all of the outcomes?</li> <li>• review the equine Bowen Therapy treatment plan?</li> <li>• Determine the need for ongoing and/or additional treatment?</li> <li>• Document recommendations are fully?</li> </ul>				

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<p><b>Do you plan ongoing treatment with client’s owner by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• negotiate changes to the treatment plan with the client’s owner/rider/trainer to ensure optimal outcomes.</li> <li>• Requesting the owner/rider/trainer monitor reactions and contact you, the practitioner, as required.</li> <li>• clearly explain to the client’s owner/rider/trainer the time, location and content of future treatment sessions?</li> <li>• independence and responsibility of the client’s owner/rider/trainer in the treatment process are promoted at all times?</li> </ul>				

## VPAU225 Apply skills in advanced equine Bowen therapy treatments

This unit describes the knowledge and skills required to work within an Advanced Equine Bowen Therapy framework.

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<p><b>Have you completed any research in complementary therapies as below:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identified the principal therapies complementary to Equine Bowen Therapy?</li> <li>• comparing the primary focus and major differences between physiotherapy, chiropractic therapy, massage therapy, other equine complementary therapies and Bowen therapy?</li> <li>• distinguish the characteristics of allopathic and naturopathic approaches to equine treatment?</li> <li>• Clarify the relationships between conventional veterinary and complementary medicine approaches to treatment of horses within this framework?</li> </ul>				
<p><b>Do you use anatomical and physiological terminology and principles in Equine Bowen Therapy treatments such as:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• using relevant <i>anatomical and physiological terminology</i> is incorporated in the development of treatment plans?</li> </ul>				

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• explaining as necessary to the patient’s owner/trainer/rider the relevant anatomical and physiological terminology in performance of the Equine Bowen therapy treatment?</li> <li>• applying relevant knowledge of anatomy and physiology in Equine Bowen therapy treatments?</li> <li>• relationships of the body’s system and functions are integrated in the conduct of Equine Bowen therapy treatments?</li> <li>• principles of the horse’s body systems and functions as they relate to Equine Bowen Therapy treatments are applied in the provision of aftercare recommendations, service and advice?</li> </ul>				
<p><b>Do you apply advanced Equine Bowen Therapy Techniques in the Bowen Therapy treatment such as:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• outlining factors that may interfere with the effectiveness of the proposed advanced Equine Bowen Therapy treatments?</li> <li>• <i>demonstrate advanced Equine Bowen techniques</i> additional to those used in basic Equine Bowen Therapy treatments in the treatment of prescribed conditions?</li> <li>• record additional techniques employed</li> <li>• attributed outcomes associated with the advanced techniques employed are recorded?</li> </ul>				

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• record any reactions to the treatment?</li> <li>• advice is given to the owner/trainer/rider post treatment and recorded appropriately?</li> </ul>				