

AEDP

Diploma of Equine Dentistry

Training Information



AUSTRALIA 2026b

Australian Equine Dental Practice

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Course 2026b for Non-vets and Vets

This is a brief overview of the Diploma of Equine Dentistry course provided by the Australian Equine Dental Practice (AEDP). Refer to the Course Terms and Conditions for full information.

Qualification	AEDP Diploma Equine Dentistry
Dates & Duration (non-Vet)	Distance education part 1 from 2 Nov 2026 to 29 Jan 2027 (12 weeks) Practical education part 1 from 1 Feb 2027 to 26 Feb 2027 (4 weeks) Distance education part 2 from 1 Mar 2027 to 16 Apr 2027(6 weeks) Practical education part 2 from 19 Apr 2027 to 7 May 2027 (3 weeks)
Dates & Duration (Vet)	Distance education part 1 from 2 Nov 2026 to 29 Jan 2027 (12 weeks) Practical education part 1 from 8 Feb 2027 to 26 Feb 2027 (3 weeks) Distance education part 2 from 1 Mar 2027 to 16 Apr 2027(6 weeks) Practical education part 2 from 26 Apr 2027 to 14 May 2027 (3 weeks)
Delivery	By distance education remotely and by practicals based in Melbourne Australia. In some cases we may be able to adjust the dates for overseas participants.
Course Objectives	To provide routine and advanced care of the equine dentition and the oral cavity; to provide assessment, treatment and post-treatment care, having due regard for the integrity of natural dental structures and for the overall health of the patient.
Practice Support	Following the training program, and included in the cost, you will be provided with a further twelve months practice support assisting you with the management of your own patients.
Course Model	Distance education is alternated with on site education to develop theoretical grounding and practical aptitude in a stimulating format. Regular learning assessment aims to encourage the building of knowledge which is applied with the aim of practical proficiency.
Admission Prerequisites	Participants are required to have one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary education with post-secondary education or significant horse experience. • Tertiary education and appropriate horse experience. • Mature age skills without meeting the educational requirements but can demonstrate considerable horse experience and good learning aptitude.
Fees	Training fees total \$32,800. Application fee is \$250. Upon acceptance \$3,000 of the training fee is payable followed by \$14,900 at least 14 days prior to scheduled training commencement. The remaining balance of \$14,900 is payable within 45 days of the commencement of training. Some finance options may be available. Course fees include books, theory lectures, practical training and twelve months post-training support when you are in your own practice.
Applications	Application forms are available on request and applications must be accompanied by the non-refundable application fee. Applications close 11 Sept 2026.
Equipment Required	Before the second practical, a complete set of equipment which meets or exceeds the specification of the standard AEDP instrument set. The AEDP instruments set can be ordered at a cost of \$8,850 incl. 10% GST. For export, deduct GST.
Accommodation	For additional cost, full board at our residence in Melbourne for the duration of the practical stages can be provided. Please indicate if this is required.



Other Things to Consider

If you are reading this, it is clear that you care about horses and that equine dentistry is something you are very interested in. Training as an equine dentist and being active in equine dentistry can allow you to contribute greatly to the health and well-being of horses. Before taking the next step, it is essential to consider a few aspects first.

Course Core Values

This private course aims to make you proficient in science-based dental and related health care for horses. You will be expected to do so according to the [Code of Conduct](#) of the NEDP, a professional association which aims to set standards of integrity for equine dentists.

Professional Status

Once qualified, you can choose to work independently, as member of a veterinary practice or alongside colleagues in an established equine dental practice.

Your Background

Consider not just whether you meet the educational prerequisites, but whether you are likely to be successful in completing the course and work independently in your own practice. There is the option to join us for a short familiarisation day.

The Equine Marketplace

No matter how good your equine dentistry skills are at the completion of the course, success comes from you making your place within the industry. It is suggested you do a basic business plan with your business advisers to determine if you are likely to reach your objectives.

Your Commitment

The material you are required to learn is challenging and requires significant effort from you. If you are confident and familiar with study methods, you may elect to work part-time alongside your theory study to have a diversion. Only life science graduates should attempt to study alongside a full-time job.

Curriculum

The AEDP offers the private Diploma Equine Dentistry course twice every year in Australia. It comprises theory lectures comprising 90 study days and practical training of 35 days.

General Proficiencies

The course aims to ensure successful participants have the following general proficiencies:

- Engage in appropriate collaboration with, and referral to, veterinary and para-veterinary professionals.
- Achieve high standards in the running of an equine dental practice.
- Provide horse owners with advice regarding oral health, responsible dental care, good riding or driving techniques and sound nutritional management.
- Provide treatment which respects natural structures allowing improved function of the dental and digestive systems.
- Be able to confidently conduct common surgical dental procedures (veterinarians).



Treatment Competencies (Certificate)

Treatment competencies for all cases:

- Routine filing without mechanical restraints or routine sedation.
- Identifying periodontal disease and treating low-level disease of periodontal structures.
- Removing small teeth and wolf teeth.
- Removing deciduous incisors and pre-molar caps when indicated.
- Performing limited permanent incisor and molar extractions according to protocols.
- Treating minor lacerations of lips and cheeks.
- Providing riders and drivers with bit and tack advice.
- Advising client on feeding methods and nutrition.
- Providing reports and referrals to equine dentists and veterinarians as appropriate.

Complex Case Competencies (Diploma)

Treatment competencies for complex cases:

- Effecting major bite adjustments of the incisors and molars in planned stages.
- Identifying and treating higher level periodontal disease.
- Treating diastemata (pockets between teeth) and making associated remedial dental corrections.
- Case planning with the aid of imaging information.
- Performing specific permanent incisor and molar extractions according to protocols.
- Dealing with dental fractures.
- Assist with, or conduct surgical procedures.
- Confidently conduct common surgical procedures (veterinarians)

Equipment Proficiencies

Equipment proficiencies include the application of:

- Dental speculum
- Manually operated dental files
- Dental and periodontal probes and other devices
- Small surgical instruments
- Extraction forceps
- Motorised water-cooled dental burrs (Dip)
- Dental restoration materials (Dip)

Recognition of Your Qualification

The profession of equine dentist is not regulated in most countries. That means you require no formal qualifications to perform equine dentistry work. However, AEDP Course graduates are generally well-regarded by horse owners requiring high professional standards.

Application Forms & Information

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