



# Equestrian Training

## Equine Groom Apprenticeship Standard, Breeding Route

Equine is one of the most diverse industries in the land-based sector with a wide range of career opportunities. A qualified equine groom will have gained the skills to care for and handle horses appropriately, carry out the specific routines needed on a yard, fit a variety of equipment and tack and exercise horses appropriately.

### Prerequisites

- Applicants must be employed full or part-time in the equine industry during their period of study (Equestrian Training staff can aid with recruitment).
- All applicants must be aged 16 years or over at the start of the apprenticeship.
- Applicants need to have some experience in working with or caring for horses.
- Qualifications such as BHS Stage 1, Level 1 Work-based Diploma in Horse Care or Pony Club C Test would be desirable but not essential.

### Apprenticeship Core Standards

- Safe Working Practices
- Core behaviours; safe working, work ethic, responsibility, teamwork, communication,
- Yard and Field Routines and Duties
- Horse Anatomy, Physiology and Welfare
- Horse Handling, Care and Appearance
- Saddlery and Equipment
- Travelling Horses
- Non-Ridden Exercise

### Breeding Occupational Route

According to the apprentices' workplace and chosen field of work, the Breeding route consists of the following standards:

- Principles of equine reproduction to include the initial mating decisions, the importance of teasing, monitoring pregnancy and weaning.
- Specific principles of care and welfare including health related to maintaining breeding equines and offspring.
- Methods, equipment and technology currently used to breed and register equines.
- The basics of preparing equines for commercial or private sale.





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- The main diseases relating to breeding equines and the relevant industry Codes of Practice.
- Problems that may happen with covering stallions, foaling mares and youngstock throughout their early years.
- Demonstrate basic safe competence in handling equines used for breeding purposes including assisting with teasing and covering.
- Observe the onset of, and assist if required, foaling of an equine and following on procedures.
- Assist with the work of breeding industry specialists; using equipment, machinery and technology appropriately as directed.
- Assist with the preparation and show of equines of varying ages, as directed, for commercial and/or private sale

## **Duration:**

The apprenticeship takes 14 months.

## **Course Delivery:**

Apprentices develop skills in the workplace before entering the gateway stage to prepare for the end point assessment:

## **On Programme (12 months minimum)**

- Apprentice works and trains with employer and training provider.
- Off-the-job training with employer in the workplace.
- Off-the job training with training advisor online and in the workplace.
- Builds Portfolio
- Progress reviews every 10 weeks.
- English and Maths - Level 1 & 2, if not previously attained

## **Gateway**

- Review progress against Knowledge, Skills and Behaviours of the Standard
- Preparation for end point assessment and Knowledge Test.
- Portfolio completed and sent to End Point Assessment Organisation.
- Achievement of English and Maths level 1 and/or 2 (if not achieved)

## **End Point Assessment**

- Online knowledge test completed in the workplace.
- Portfolio reviewed by End Point Assessor (EPA).
- Practical observation completed in the workplace by EPA.



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- Professional Discussion with EPA - Informed by Portfolio.

## **Qualified Equine Groom (Level 2)**

- On achievement of the Level 2 Equine Groom Standard, apprentices will gain a Pass or Distinction, depending on portfolio, knowledge test, observation, and professional discussion outcomes.

## **Contact Information**

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