



Equestrian Training

Equine Groom Apprenticeship Standard, Driving 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

Driving Occupational Route

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

- All parts of a single set of harness. The correct single harness to use with two and four wheeled vehicles with independent shafts.
- Correct fit of single harness to two and four wheeled vehicles. The procedures for harnessing up and putting to with an assistant safely.
- Cleaning of leather and composite leather harness, wooden and metal vehicles, safe storage of two and four wheeled vehicles.
- Harness up and put to, with an assistant, a single turnout in both a two and four wheeled vehicle.





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- Act as a groom/ backstepper in exercising, shows or trials.
- Exercise horses/ponies in a non-driving environment, to be able to lunge or longrein in an enclosed area, in a circle for exercise purposes.
- Drive a quiet pleasure single turnout in an enclosed area demonstrating safe rein handling, turns to the left and right, in the walk and trot.
- To be able to halt. Mount and dismount in a safe manner.
- Demonstrate safe use of the whip. Take the horse out of vehicle with assistance and unharness horse in a safe manner.

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.
- 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



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discussion outcomes.

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