



# Equestrian Training

## Equine Groom Apprenticeship Standard, Racing 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

### Racing Occupational Route

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

- The Thoroughbred racehorse as a high performance equine athlete and the specific exercise regimes used in the racing industry to prepare and train horses to race.
- The specific routines for working in a racing yard and taking horses racing including how to care for horses prior to and after strenuous work and racecourse performance.
- The regulatory requirements for adhering to industry policy and practice, including security procedures in the yard, at the races and at public sales venues.
- Technical racing terms and vocabulary, the racing industry structure and key organizations.



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- The industry protocol for taking a horse racing and how to lead up a Thoroughbred racehorse at the races
- Handle Thoroughbred racehorses in and out of full training.
- Fit a variety of specialist racing equipment and tack.
- Carry out the specific routines required in a racing yard and in taking horses racing, complying with industry regulatory requirements, policy and practice.
- Provide exercise regimes to racehorses as directed and effectively care for horses prior to and after strenuous work and racecourse performance.
- Provide after race care including compliance with industry regulations and post- race dope testing procedures.

In addition to the above specialist Racing knowledge and skills, Equine Groom apprentices taking the Racing Route will be required to select one of two racing pathways as follows:-  
i) Racing Exercise Groom- Provide ridden exercise regimes to Thoroughbred racehorses according to instructions, safely and in control, with a good, secure and balanced position, in line with yard and industry practice. Support the work of the Racing Yard Based Grooms. Maintain industry weight requirements and be sufficiently fit to ride for up to six hours a day.

ii) Racing Yard Based Groom - Provide non-ridden exercise regimes to Thoroughbred racehorses safely and according to instruction. Support the work of the Racing Exercise Grooms. Contribute to yard based industry record keeping, operate equipment, machinery and technology appropriately to assist with the effective organisation and maintenance of the commercial racing business premises.

## **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





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## 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 discussion outcomes.

## Contact Information

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