



Equestrian Training

Senior 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 senior equine groom will coordinate the day to day care of the horses in the workplace. They will have obtained the skills to lead by example and the knowledge to effectively contribute to the running of a yard.

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.
- Dedication, commitment, physical and mental toughness to manage the role.
- Qualifications such as BHS Stage 2, Level 2 Work-based Diploma in Horse Care or Pony Club C+ Test.

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
- Nutrition and Fitness
- 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:

- Pedigrees, stud contracts, Codes of Practice, veterinary certificates and the importance of accurate, confidential recording in a global industry.
- Reproductive anatomy and physiology of both sexes; gestation and parturition processes.
- Artificial manipulation of the reproductive processes and common veterinary and stud work techniques. The benefits and drawbacks of natural and non-natural covering methods including artificial insemination techniques, embryo transfer and semen collection, evaluation and freezing.



Apprenticeships





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- Routine management of all breeding and youngstock at grass or stabled throughout the year to include weaning methods and issues.
- Foaling and the care of mares and neonates to include the management of emergency foaling situations and fostering. Common developmental issues in foals and growing youngstock.
- Be able to tease and make recommendations on subsequent actions. Assist with the preparation for coverings.
- Prepare a foaling environment and assist during normal foaling, to include examination of the placenta. Recognise non-normal foaling events and the actions to be taken.
- Assist with successful weaning processes and implement fostering programmes and care of orphan foals.
- Present a male horse correctly for inspection.

Duration:

The apprenticeship takes 18 months.

Course Delivery:

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

On Programme (18 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 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 2 (if not previously 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 Senior Equine Groom (Level 3)

- On achievement of the Level 3 Senior Equine Groom Standard, apprentices will gain a Pass or Distinction, depending on portfolio, knowledge test, observation, and professional discussion outcomes.

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