



Equestrian Training

Senior 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 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

Driving Occupational Route

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

- The correct use of full, breast and empathy collars, open and quick release tugs and a variety of driving bits.
- All parts of a single set of modern composite competition harness including modern adaptations for specific competition vehicles.
- The fit of a variety of single harness to two and four wheeled vehicles and correct fit of pairs harness.
- The cleaning of competition harness including patent leather and brass furniture



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(buckles) to show/ presentation standard. The cleaning and presentation of vehicles for competition to show/ presentation standard including appropriate storage.

- The extensive requirements of equipment for a show/ turn out including listing all necessary equipment for drivers, horses, carriages and portable stabling. The clothing requirements for both driver and groom for showing/ driving/ trials/ pleasure driving.
- Drive a single turnout in a training area and on the highway demonstrating safe rein handling and whip use.
- School the turnout in basic correct way of going. Exercise horses/ponies in a non driving environment, including being able to lunge or long rein in an enclosed area to improve the horse and to maintain and embed the horse in correct way of going, using a variety of equipment.
- Prepare comprehensive equipment lists for shows and events for drivers, horses, carriages and portable stabling.
- Discuss and initiate methods of loading and transportation of equipment.
- Design, coordinate and review a fittening and feeding programme for competition turnout including physiotherapy where necessary.
- Evaluate the use of specialist equipment in the fittening and training of driving horses.

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.



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- 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.
- 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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