



Equestrian Training

Senior Equine Groom Apprenticeship Standard, Non-Riding 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

Non-Riding Occupational Route

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

- Clean and prepare equipment for work and competition to the appropriate standard.
- Prepare horses for work and competition including selecting and fitting correct discipline specific saddlery and equipment.
- Coordinate and supervise maintenance programmes for the establishment.
- Monitor the choice and quality of supplies and suppliers.
- Promote the business through word of mouth, advertising, social media and the internet.



Apprenticeships





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- Plan, organise and implement a variety of events/ shows or activities, whilst constantly looking for ways to diversify and improve the business.
- Deliver, monitor, review and improve customer care and satisfaction.
- Carry out office duties including using IT for budgets and record keeping.
- Implement, record and review a programme for recovery, recuperation or rehabilitation.
- Design and review work and fitness programmes and implement non-ridden exercise regimes.
- The principles of equitation theory.
- Prepare and long rein a horse for exercise.

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.
- Professional Discussion with EPA - Informed by Portfolio.





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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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