



Equestrian Training

Senior Equine Groom Apprenticeship Standard, 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

Riding Occupational Route

According to the apprentices' workplace and chosen field of work, the 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.
- Exercise a variety of horses in all paces with and without stirrups maintaining an established position showing balance, independence and a supple seat.
- Ride horses of varying levels of fitness and training for exercise, understanding the type



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of work needed to maintain fitness. School a variety of fit horses with refined and coordinated aids showing feel, respect and an understanding of the horse's way of going to develop the horse appropriately and according to instruction.

- Ride appropriate exercises including transitions, variation of pace, lateral movements to improve and develop work.
- Ride a variety of exercises over ground poles at canter, to enable progression to ride, where practical, over a course of show jumps and cross country fences, showing confidence and control, in a balanced and secure position. The different types of jumps and courses for show jumping and cross country.
- Design, implement and review work and fitness programmes.
- The importance of following owner's, employer's and manager's instructions for schooling or exercising

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).



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- 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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