

National Certificate in Equine (Stable Procedures) (Level 3) with strands in Harness Racing Stable Assistant, Sporthorse Stable Assistant, Thoroughbred Racing Stable Assistant, and Thoroughbred Racing Track Rider

Level 3

Credits 100-106

This qualification has been **reviewed**. The last date to meet the requirements is 31 December 2020.

Transition Arrangements

This qualification was republished in January 2018 to extend the last date for enrolment from 31 December 2017 to 31 December 2018 and extend the last date of assessment to 31 December 2020.

This qualification has been reviewed and replaced by the New Zealand Certificate in Equine Skills (Level 3) with strands in Harness Racing Stable Assistant, Thoroughbred Raceday Strapper, Thoroughbred Racing Track Rider, and Sporthorse Stable Assistant [Ref: 2376]. People currently working towards this qualification may either complete the requirements by 31 December 2019 or transfer their results to the replacement qualification.

The last date for entry into programmes leading towards the replaced qualification is 31 December 2018, from which point no new enrolments will be accepted. After 31 December 2018, all new trainees will be enrolled in programmes leading to the replacement qualification.

For detailed information see [Review Summaries](#) on the NZQA website.

NZQF National Qualification Registration Information

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	August 1999	December 2008
Review	2	April 2004	December 2014
Review	3	March 2010	December 2014
Revision	4	January 2011	December 2020
Republished	4	January 2012	December 2020
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Review	5	October 2014	December 2020
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Republication	5	January 2018	December 2020

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Purpose

This qualification is designed for people who are involved with horses in supervised roles as harness racing stable assistants, sporthorse stable assistants, thoroughbred racing stable assistants, or thoroughbred racing track riders. People will already have some prior knowledge and skills at an entry level in the equine industry prior to entry to this qualification.

The Core Compulsory recognises the knowledge and skills involved with care of the horse and saddlery; identification of health, ill health, anatomy, and conformation; preparation for travel; and preparation for exercise, handling, and feeding. It also recognises knowledge of bringing a horse back into work and letting down, horse feed analysis, emergency care, a career in the equine industry, and horse gear and procedures used for horse exercise and the skills involved with working safely, performing calculations, and dealing with sexual harassment.

The Core Elective recognises the generic skills required to communicate in the workplace, manage own use of alcohol, use banking and financial services, and produce a budget. It also recognises knowledge of stress and stress management, and the responsibilities involved with owning and operating a private motor vehicle. People are able to select the skills relevant to their own personal development.

The strands recognise the specialist skills required to work as assistants in one of the sectors – harness racing, sporthorse, thoroughbred racing stable practice, or thoroughbred racing track riding. Strands in this qualification are designed to lead to strands in the National Certificate in Equine (Level 4) with strands in Sporthorse Stable Attendant, Harness Racing, Sporthorse Competitor, and Jockey [Ref: 0216]. The Harness Racing Stable Assistant strand leads to the Harness Racing strand. The Sporthorse Stable Assistant strand leads to the Sporthorse Competitor strand. The Thoroughbred Racing Track Rider strand leads to the Jockey strand.

Strands comprise compulsory and elective sections. Details of the skills and knowledge recognised by the compulsory sections are given below. The elective sections are made up of standards from the Common Elective. The Common Elective allows people to tailor the qualification towards the requirements of particular workplaces or geographical location by selecting relevant Equine standards.

The Harness Racing Stable Assistant and Sporthorse Stable Assistant strands also include DAS Electives. These allow people to credit skills and knowledge that they may have already gained towards the requirements of this qualification.

The Harness Racing Stable Assistant Compulsory recognises the skills to prepare and drive a standardbred horse in training, and to represent and/or assist an owner at harness raceday or trials. It also recognises knowledge of problem gambling and drug use in the racing industry, the harness racing industry structure, and the New Zealand Rules of Harness Racing and Regulations and their application.

The Sporthorse Stable Assistant Strand Compulsory recognises the skills to prepare a horse for show; care for a horse's paddock, and horses in the paddock; fit and remove studs from horse's shoes; and lunge a horse for training. It also recognises knowledge of potentially poisonous plants and trees, and the history and evolution of equestrian sport.

The Thoroughbred Racing Stable Assistant Strand Compulsory recognises the skills to attend to horses at the races, and handle during swabbing. It also recognises knowledge of problem gambling and drug use in the racing industry, the thoroughbred racing industry structure, and the New Zealand Rules of Racing.

The Thoroughbred Racing Track Rider Strand recognises the skills to attend to horses at the races, and handle during swabbing; exercise thoroughbred horses in pacework on public training tracks; ride a thoroughbred horse in an exercise saddle; and ride elementary pacework, barrier practice and jump outs on a thoroughbred racehorse. It also recognises knowledge of the thoroughbred racing industry structure and judicial system; and Racetrack Bylaws.

This qualification is one of a series of equine qualifications for people who wish to pursue a career in the equine industry. It builds on the skills and knowledge covered in the National Certificate in Equine (Introductory Stable Skills) (Level 2) [Ref: 0215], but completion of Ref: 0215 is not a requirement for entry to this qualification.

Completion of this qualification can lead to other equine industry qualifications, including the National Certificate in Equine (Level 4) with strands in Sporthorse Stable Attendant, Harness Racing, Sporthorse Competitor, and Jockey [Ref: 0216]; and the National Certificate in Equine (Stable Management) with strands in Harness Racing, Thoroughbred Racing, and Breeding [Ref: 1541].

Replacement Information

This qualification replaced the Stable Practice strand of the National Certificate in Equine with strands in Breeding, Harness Racing, Sporthorse, Thoroughbred Breeding and Thoroughbred Racing [Ref 0216].

Credit Range

	Core Compulsory	Core Elective
Level 1 credits	7	0-6
Level 2 credits	28	0-6
Level 3 or above credits	20	-
Minimum totals	55	6

	Harness Racing Stable Assistant Strand Compulsory	Harness Racing Stable Assistant Strand Elective
Level 2 credits	3	0-12
Level 3 or above credits	24	0-12
Minimum totals	27	12
Qualification total	100	

	Sporthorse Stable Assistant Strand Compulsory	Sporthorse Stable Assistant Strand Elective
Level 2 credits	6	0-13
Level 3 or above credits	14	6-19
Minimum totals	20	19
Qualification total	100	

	Thoroughbred Racing Stable Assistant Strand Compulsory	Thoroughbred Racing Stable Assistant Strand Common Elective
Level 2 credits	3	0-16
Level 3 or above credits	15	5-21
Minimum totals	18	21
Qualification total	100	

	Thoroughbred Racing Track Rider Strand Compulsory	Thoroughbred Racing Track Rider Strand Common Elective
Level 2 credits	9	0-2
Level 3 or above credits	34	0-2
Minimum totals	43	2
Qualification total	106	

Requirements for Award of Qualification

Award of NZQF National Qualifications

Credit gained for a standard may be used only once to meet the requirements of this qualification.

Unit standards and achievement standards that are equivalent in outcome are mutually exclusive for the purpose of award. The table of mutually exclusive standards is provided on the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) website: <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/standards/standards-exclusion-list/>.

Reviewed standards that continue to recognise the same overall outcome are registered as new versions and retain their identification number (ID). Any version of a standard with the same ID may be used to meet qualification requirements that list the ID and/or that specify the past or current classification of the standard.

Summary of Requirements

- Core Compulsory standards
- Core Elective – A minimum of 6 credits as specified

One of the following strands is required

- Harness Racing Stable Assistant Strand
- Sporthorse Stable Assistant Strand
- Thoroughbred Racing Stable Assistant Strand
- Thoroughbred Racing Track Rider Strand

Detailed Requirements

Core Compulsory

The following standards are required

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Equine > Equine Care

ID	Title	Level	Credit
1636	Receive and despatch horses	2	2
1648	Clean stables	2	2
1650	Prepare a horse for travel by road, and load and unload	2	4
1656	Groom a horse	2	2
6611	Demonstrate knowledge of the procedure for bringing a horse into work after a spell and letting down	3	4
6622	Analyse horse feed and stable horses	3	4

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Equine > Equine Health

ID	Title	Level	Credit
6580	Recognise and describe how to deal with an emergency situation involving horses	3	4
14594	Demonstrate knowledge of horse anatomy, and identify signs of good health and ill health in horses	2	3

ID	Title	Level	Credit
19949	Identify basic components and functions, and common problems of horses' body systems	2	3
25003	Identify horses' anatomy and conformation	3	4

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Equine > Equine Industry

ID	Title	Level	Credit
1658	Demonstrate knowledge of the nature and requirements of a career in the equine industry	1	3
23973	Perform safe working practices with an outside contractor in an equine industry	2	2

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Equine > Equine Training

ID	Title	Level	Credit
1660	Identify, catch, and prepare a horse for exercise	2	4
25443	Demonstrate knowledge of the gear and procedures used in the exercise of horses	3	4

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Equine > Saddlery

ID	Title	Level	Credit
6579	Clean and maintain saddlery for horses	2	2

Core Generic > Core Generic > Social and Cooperative Skills

ID	Title	Level	Credit
525	Recognise sexual harassment and describe ways of responding to it	1	2

Health > Occupational Health and Safety > Occupational Health and Safety Practice

ID	Title	Level	Credit
17593	Apply safe work practices in the workplace	2	4

Service Sector > Service Sector Skills > Service Sector - Core Skills

ID	Title	Level	Credit
64	Perform calculations for the workplace	1	2

Core Elective

A minimum of 6 credits

Core Generic > Core Generic > Personal Financial Management

ID	Title	Level	Credit
24709	Produce a balanced budget for an individual	1	3

Core Generic > Core Generic > Self-Management

ID	Title	Level	Credit
548	Demonstrate knowledge of management of alcohol and other drugs	1	2
12355	Describe stress and ways of dealing with it	2	2

Core Generic > Core Generic > Social and Cooperative Skills

ID	Title	Level	Credit
4261	Identify legal rights and obligations in relation to owning and operating a private motor vehicle	2	3

Humanities > Communication Skills > Interpersonal Communications

ID	Title	Level	Credit
1277	Communicate information in a specified workplace	2	3
1293	Be interviewed in an informal one-to-one, face-to-face interview	1	2
3501	Demonstrate knowledge of and apply listening techniques	1	3
3503	Participate and communicate in a team or group to complete a routine task	1	2
9707	Demonstrate knowledge of workplace communications requirements	1	5

Harness Racing Stable Assistant Strand

Meet the requirements of all of the following sets

- Harness Racing Stable Assistant Strand Compulsory
- Harness Racing Stable Assistant Strand Elective

Harness Racing Stable Assistant Strand Compulsory

The following standards are required

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Equine > Equine Industry

ID	Title	Level	Credit
25444	Describe the rules and effects of problem gambling and drug use in the racing industry	3	2

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Equine > Harness Racing

ID	Title	Level	Credit
1596	Prepare and drive a standardbred horse in training	3	10
1600	Represent and/or assist an owner at harness raceday or trials	4	4
1602	Demonstrate knowledge of the harness racing industry structure	2	3

ID	Title	Level	Credit
23971	Demonstrate knowledge of New Zealand Rules of Harness Racing and Regulations and their application	3	8

Harness Racing Stable Assistant Strand Elective

A minimum of 12 credits

From the following sets

- Harness Racing Stable Assistant Strand Common Elective
- Harness Racing Stable Assistant Strand DAS Elective

Harness Racing Stable Assistant Strand Common Elective

From the Common Elective (defined below)

Harness Racing Stable Assistant Strand DAS Elective

A maximum of 5 credits at Level 2 or above

From anywhere on the DAS

Sporthorse Stable Assistant Strand

Meet the requirements of all of the following sets

- Sporthorse Stable Assistant Strand Compulsory
- Sporthorse Stable Assistant Strand Elective

Sporthorse Stable Assistant Strand Compulsory

The following standards are required

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Equine > Equine Care

ID	Title	Level	Credit
1623	Prepare a horse for show	2	3
1624	Care for a horse's paddock, and horses in a paddock	3	6
6612	Identify plants, grasses, and trees which are potentially poisonous to horses, and describe methods of removal	3	3
25979	Demonstrate knowledge of and fit and remove studs on horses' shoes in the sport horse sector	3	1

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Equine > Equine Training

ID	Title	Level	Credit
1626	Lunge a horse for training	3	4

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Equine > Equitation

ID	Title	Level	Credit
24754	Demonstrate knowledge of the history and evolution of equestrian sport	2	3

Sporthorse Stable Assistant Strand Elective

A minimum of 19 credits

From the following sets

- Sporthorse Stable Assistant Strand Common Elective
- Sporthorse Stable Assistant Strand DAS Elective

Sporthorse Stable Assistant Strand Common Elective

A minimum of 6 credits at Level 3 or above

From the Common Elective (defined below)

Sporthorse Stable Assistant Strand DAS Elective

A maximum of 5 credits at Level 3 or above

From anywhere on the DAS

Thoroughbred Racing Stable Assistant Strand

Meet the requirements of all of the following sets

- Thoroughbred Racing Stable Assistant Strand Compulsory
- Thoroughbred Racing Stable Assistant Strand Common Elective

Thoroughbred Racing Stable Assistant Strand Compulsory

The following standards are required

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Equine > Equine Industry

ID	Title	Level	Credit
20523	Attend to horses at the races, and handle during swabbing	3	5
25444	Describe the rules and effects of problem gambling and drug use in the racing industry	3	2

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Equine > Thoroughbred Racing

ID	Title	Level	Credit
1632	Demonstrate knowledge of the thoroughbred racing industry structure	2	3
24891	Demonstrate knowledge of New Zealand Rules of Racing	3	8

Thoroughbred Racing Stable Assistant Strand Common Elective

A minimum of 21 credits

- Of which a minimum of 5 credits at Level 3 or above

From the Common Elective (defined below)

Thoroughbred Racing Track Rider Strand

Meet the requirements of all of the following sets

- Thoroughbred Racing Track Rider Strand Compulsory
- Thoroughbred Racing Track Rider Strand Common Elective

Thoroughbred Racing Track Rider Strand Compulsory

The following standards are required

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Equine > Equine Industry

ID	Title	Level	Credit
20523	Attend to horses at the races, and handle during swabbing	3	5
25444	Describe the rules and effects of problem gambling and drug use in the racing industry	3	2

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Equine > Thoroughbred Racing

ID	Title	Level	Credit
1629	Exercise thoroughbred racehorses in pacework on public training tracks	3	8
1631	Demonstrate knowledge of the thoroughbred racing industry judicial system	2	3
1632	Demonstrate knowledge of the thoroughbred racing industry structure	2	3
22354	Ride elementary pacework on a thoroughbred racehorse and demonstrate knowledge of Racetrack Bylaws	3	4
22356	Ride thoroughbred racehorses for barrier practice and at jump outs	3	7
22357	Exercise thoroughbred racehorses in fastwork on public training tracks	4	8
22360	Ride a thoroughbred horse in an exercise saddle	2	3

Thoroughbred Racing Track Rider Strand Common Elective

A minimum of 2 credits

From the Common Elective (defined below)

Common Elective

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Equine > Equine Care

ID	Title	Level	Credit
1623	Prepare a horse for show	2	3
1624	Care for a horse's paddock, and horses in a paddock	3	6
6612	Identify plants, grasses, and trees which are potentially poisonous to horses, and describe methods of removal	3	3
6613	Demonstrate knowledge of the structure of the horse's foot, the horse shoeing process and remedial shoeing	3	4
6617	Assess stable design and construction	3	3
6623	Demonstrate horse clipping technique	2	2
14590	Demonstrate knowledge of preparing and attending to horses when transported by air	2	2
19459	Demonstrate knowledge of the operation of, and erect temporary electric fences in an equine environment	2	2

ID	Title	Level	Credit
19461	Demonstrate knowledge of pasture production methods for an equine establishment	3	3

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Equine > Equine Industry

ID	Title	Level	Credit
23972	Demonstrate and apply knowledge of ICT in the racing industry	3	5
25444	Describe the rules and effects of problem gambling and drug use in the racing industry	3	2

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Equine > Equine Training

ID	Title	Level	Credit
19945	Lunge a horse for exercise	2	4
23645	Demonstrate knowledge of the nature of horses	2	3
23974	Perform safe working practices using alternative equine training techniques and equipment	2	4

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Equine > Equitation

ID	Title	Level	Credit
1618	Ride a horse for exercise	2	2
1619	Ride a horse in a balanced position at different gaits on the flat and over 50 to 60 cm fences	2	4
6582	Ride a horse in a balanced position at walk, trot and canter on the flat and over undulating country	3	4
20884	Ride a horse and lead another horse simultaneously	2	2

Transition Arrangements

Previous versions of the qualification

Version 4 was republished to correct an error in the exemption table that was provided in January 2012 for expired standard 524 which is listed in version 2. The exemption was provided to enable candidates enrolled in programmes leading to award of version 2 to complete what they have begun. Primary Industry Training Organisation was not aware of these candidates when version 4 was listed on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework.

Version 4 was issued following changes to minimum credit requirements for the electives in Harness Racing Stable Assistant and Thoroughbred Racing Stable Assistant strands.

Changes to structure and content

- Minimum credit requirement for the Elective section in the Harness Racing Stable Assistant Strand was increased from 7 to 12.
- Total credits for the qualification with the Harness Racing Stable Assistant Strand

increased from 95 to 100.

- Minimum credit requirement for the Common Elective in the Thoroughbred Racing Stable Assistant Strand was increased from 16 to 21.
- Total credits for the qualification with the Thoroughbred Racing Stable Assistant Strand increased from 95 to 100.

The start date for training programmes or courses for version 4 is on registration of the new version of the qualification. There are no current enrolments in version 2 of the qualification. All candidates enrolled in version 3 will be automatically transferred to version 4.

This qualification contains standards for which another standard is acceptable to Primary Industry Training Organisation as a substitute. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for the substitute standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the listed standards – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
1654	6580
1655	19949

Version 3 was issued following review. Changes to structure and content included: strand names were changed, and as a result the title of the qualification was also changed; total qualification credits decreased from 110-120 to 95-106; a Common Elective was added; the Compulsory was renamed Core Compulsory; credit requirement for Core Elective was reduced from 14 to 6; the Harness Racing strand was renamed Harness Racing Stable Attendant, an elective was added, and the credit requirement was increased from 27 to 34; the Sporthorse strand was renamed Sporthorse Stable Assistant, an elective was added, and the credit requirement was increased from 19 to 35; the Thoroughbred Racing strand was renamed Thoroughbred Racing Stable Assistant; an elective was added, and the credit requirement was increased from 26 to 34; the Track Riding strand was renamed Thoroughbred Racing Track Rider; an elective was added, and the credit requirement was increased from 29 to 45.

Version 2 was issued as part of the overall *Equine* qualification review. Changes included: strands were introduced representing the sectors of Harness Racing, Sporthorse, Thoroughbred Racing and Track Riding; standard 1655 was replaced by 19949 in the Compulsory; standard 1654 was replaced by 6580 in the Compulsory; standards 16, 11 and 561 were deleted from the Compulsory and replaced by standards 19461, 19460 and 19459 respectively; Elective 1 was renamed Core Elective; minimum credits required in the Core Elective increased from 13 to 14; Elective 2 was removed; standards 6611, 6612 and 6617 were moved to the Compulsory; standard 1618 was moved to the Sporthorse and Thoroughbred Racing strands; standards 1633 and 6620 were removed from the qualification; standard 1626 was moved from the Compulsory to the Sporthorse strand, and alternative standard 19445 was added to the Harness Racing, Thoroughbred Racing and Track Rider strands; standard 1662 was moved from the Compulsory to the Sporthorse, Thoroughbred Racing and Track Rider strands, and alternative standard 1598 was added to the Harness Racing strand; standard 1628 was replaced by unit standard 20523 and moved from the Compulsory to the Harness Racing,

Thoroughbred Racing and Track Rider strands; standard 1632 was moved from Compulsory to the Thoroughbred Racing and Track Rider strands, and alternative standard 1602 was added to the Harness Racing strand; standard 14590 was added to the Sporthorse and Thoroughbred Racing strands; standards 1596 and 1600 were added to the Harness Racing strand; 1623 and 6623 were added to the Sporthorse strand; standards 1619 and 1629 were added to the Track Riding strand; total credits increased from 112 to 95-106; and the qualification title changed to include strands and level.

Version 2 contains an expired standard for which another standard is acceptable to Primary Industry Training Organisation as a substitute. For the purposes of version 2, people who have gained credit for the substitute standard are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the expired standard – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
24709	524

Version 1 of this qualification replaced the former Stable Practice strand of the National Certificate in Equine with strands in Breeding, Harness Racing, Sporthorse, Thoroughbred Breeding and Thoroughbred Racing [Ref 0216]. Changes included: the removal of standards 36, 37, 1597, 1657 and 1653; the addition of standard 6613; and the replacement of expiring standards 541, 545, 1305 and 1657 by standards 12353, 12355, 3501 and 6622 respectively.

Other standard setting bodies whose standards are included in the qualification

New Zealand Industry Training Organisation
 NZQA

Certification

This certificate will display the logos of NZQA, the Primary Industry Training Organisation and the organisation that has been granted consent to assess against standards that meet the requirements of the qualification (accredited).

Classification

This qualification is classified according to the classification system listed on the Directory of Assessment Standards (DAS) and the New Zealand Standard Classification of Education (NZSCED) system as specified below.

DAS Classification		NZSCED	
Code	Description	Code	Description
263	Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Equine	050108	Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies > Agriculture > Equine Trades

Quality Management Systems

Providers and Industry Training Organisations must be granted consent to assess by a recognised Quality Assurance Body before they can register credits from assessment against standards. Accredited providers and Industry Training Organisations assessing against standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards. Accreditation requirements and the moderation system are outlined in the associated Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP) for each standard.

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