

Title	Ride a horse in a balanced position at walk, trot and canter on the flat and over undulating country		
Level	3	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: prepare self and horse for riding; demonstrate movements on the flat in a school situation and over undulating country; and describe the use of artificial aids.
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Classification	Equine > Equitation
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation and code relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
 - Animal Welfare Act 1999;
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
 - Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys.
- 2 Performance of all aspects of this unit standard should comply with the *Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys*, available at www.mpi.govt.nz.
- 3 Rider is attired in gear and clothing which is Equestrian Sports New Zealand (ESNZ) approved and safe for general riding. The ESNZ Rules are available from the Equestrian Sports New Zealand website www.nzequestrian.org.nz.
- 4 The horse used is to a standard (temperament, physical ability, and training) and fitness level that enables the outcome as represented by the title to be met.
- 5 Movements on the flat are to be demonstrated in a school situation of minimum size 20 metres by 40 metres.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Prepare self and horse for riding.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Gear up horse in saddlery suited to and comfortable for individual horse, and which enables control by rider and affords protection to limbs of horse.

Range bridle and bit, saddle and stirrup leather length, martingale, breastplate, leg protection for horse.

1.2 Wear gear and clothing suitable for riding.

Outcome 2

Demonstrate movements on the flat in a school situation.

Range halt, walk, trot, canter.

Performance criteria

2.1 Demonstrate the three-point dressage position with the rider maintaining contact and control, and the horse accepting the bit.

2.2 Ride in balanced position using diagonals correctly.

2.3 Use voice, seat, legs, and rein aids to change direction and control pace.

Outcome 3

Demonstrate movements over undulating ground.

Range halt, walk, trot, canter.

Performance criteria

3.1 Ride in a balanced position maintaining contact and control.

3.2 Use of voice, seat, legs and rein aids to change direction and control pace.

Outcome 4

Describe the use of artificial aids.

Performance criteria

4.1 Describe situations when the whip, martingale, and spurs can be used in relation to changing direction and controlling pace.

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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	0018
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

Please contact the Primary Industry Training Organisation standards@primaryito.ac.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.