

40883**School a thoroughbred racehorse to jump on their own and in company**

Kaupae Level	4
Whiwhinga Credit	20
Whāinga Purpose	<p>This standard is for people employed as riders in the thoroughbred racing industry.</p> <p>The purpose of this standard is to recognise the skills and knowledge required to school and jump a thoroughbred racehorse on their own, and in company, over fences.</p> <p>This skill standard aligns with the New Zealand Certificate in Equine Racing (Level 4) Thoroughbred Racing Jumps Jockey strand [Ref: 4221].</p>

Hua o te ako me Paearu aromatawai | Learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Hua o te ako Learning outcomes	Paearu aromatawai Assessment criteria
1. Introduce and school a thoroughbred jumps horse to jump fences on their own and in company.	a. School the horse to maintain a straight line, while remaining balanced, and with impulsion to jump fences.
	b. Maintain position, technique and balance consistently on approach, take-off and landing.
	c. Ride the horse in a confident and encouraging manner over fences.
	d. Use natural and artificial aids effectively when jumping fences.
2. School a thoroughbred jumps horse to ride on their own and in company between and over fences.	a. School the horse to consistently keep pace with the other jumps horse and rider between and over fences when riding in company.
	b. Maintain effective control of the horse at all times when riding in their own and in company.
	c. Maintain the horse's line between and over fences without interference with other horses when riding in company.
	d. Ride the horse at a pace requested by the trainer.

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3. Communicate with the trainer both prior to and after schooling.	a. Greet the trainer and/or owner in a courteous manner prior to and after schooling.
	b. Listen to, clarify, and follow instructions from the trainer.
	c. Report back to the trainer on the way in which horses complete jumping.

Pārongo aromatawai me te taumata paearu | Assessment information and grade criteria

Assessment specifications:

All activities must be carried out in accordance with workplace health and safety requirements and the *Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys*.

All activities must be carried out in accordance with the Rules of Racing.

Safety gear worn by the rider must meet the standards of New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR).

All activities relevant to this standard must reflect ngā kaupapa (the principles) o te Tiriti o Waitangi.

All activities must, as relevant to candidates and/or this standard, reflect the peoples of the Pacific and other cultures, and their world views.

Ākonga/learners should be assessed against this standard in a real-life context using naturally occurring evidence.

Verification of practical competency must be carried out by an NZTR nominated person such as a riding mentor or Racing Integrity Board (RIB) before final sign off by the Assessor as per NZTR licensing requirements.

Range

For the purposes of assessment criteria listed above:

- artificial aids - whip, spurs.
- The workout includes riding between fences, on approach to the fence, over the fence, on landing.
- Feedback to trainers includes information on the horse's mental attitude, ability to carry out work required, regularity of paces, willingness to perform, jumping efforts.
- In company must include with at least one other thoroughbred jumps horse and rider who are keeping pace.

Ngā momo whiwhinga | Grades available

Achieved.

Ihirangi waitohu | Indicative content**Introduction to jumping**

- Schooling methods and individual horse behaviours to consider when schooling.
- Types of fences and their construction.
- Appropriate and safe techniques for riding racehorses approaching and over fences, and when landing.
- Types of natural and artificial aids and their uses.
- New Zealand Rules of Racing regarding the use of natural and artificial aids.
- Riding techniques to encourage horse to achieve their maximum potential.
- Health and safety requirements and the use of personal protective equipment.
- Relevant animal welfare legislation and guidelines.

Riding in company

- Pacework when riding in company.
- How horses react to riding in company and techniques for managing horses.
- Techniques for maintaining a line between and over fences.
- Ways to avoid interference with other horses.
- Awareness of following riding instructions.

Communication with the trainer

- Notification processes for reporting horse's progress.
- Industry accepted practices for greeting the trainer.
- Listening skills and clarification of details when unclear.
- Mentally noting horse's performance during the workout, and relating relevant details to the trainer.

Rauemi | Resources

[Animal Welfare Act 1999](#)

[Health and Safety at Work Act 2015](#)

Racing Act 2020

[Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys](#), available at <http://www.mpi.govt.nz>

New Zealand Rules of Racing, available at [Rules, Directives, Policies and Regulations | NZTR \(loveracing.nz\)](#)

Racetrack Bylaws, available from the secretary of the racing track where horses are working.

Site-specific health and safety plans.

Pārongo Whakaū Kouna | Quality assurance information

Ngā rōpū whakatau-paerewa Standard Setting Body	Muka Tangata – People Food and Fibre Workforce Development Council
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Please contact Muka Tangata – People Food and Fibre Workforce Development Council at qualifications@mukatangata.nz to suggest changes to the content of this skill standard.