

40884**Ride a thoroughbred jumps horse in company in preparation for raceday**

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 ride thoroughbred jumps horses in company in preparation for raceday.</p> <p>This skill standard aligns with the New Zealand Certificate in Equine Racing (Level 4) Thoroughbred Racing 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. Ride a thoroughbred jumps horse in company in preparation for raceday.	a. Wear correct safety gear in preparation for race riding.
	b. Warm up the horse in preparation for jumping according to trainer's instructions.
	c. Jump the horse safely over fences in company at a competitive pace.
	d. Maintain effective position, technique and balance on approach, take-off and landing.
	e. Maintain the horse's line between and over fences without interference with other horses.
	f. Maintain control of the horse at all times.
	g. Pull the horse up gradually on completion of the workout.

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2. Communicate with persons associated with the jumps horse and NZTR personnel prior to and after jump racing when preparing for raceday	a. Greet the trainer and/or owner in a courteous manner prior to jump racing.
	b. Listen to, clarify, and follow instructions from the trainer, their representative, or the owner on jump race riding strategies.
	c. Report back to the Stipendiary Steward or NZTR authorised person, and the trainer or their representatives on the way in which horses completed 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 are carried out in preparation for a jumps race on an approved New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) racetrack and does not include the full field.

All activities must be in accordance with the *New Zealand Rules of Racing*.

Safety gear worn by the rider must meet the standards of 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

Minimum completion requirements for this standard are:

- Jumping competently over at least six fences at a competitive pace.
- Fences must include steeplechase or hurdle.
- In company must include with at least one other jumps horse and rider who are keeping pace.
- For the purposes of assessment criteria listed above, feedback to trainers includes information on the horse's mental attitude, ability to carry out work required, regularity of paces, willingness to perform, and jumping efforts.

Ngā momo whiwhinga | Grades available

Achieved.

Ihirangi waitohu | Indicative content**Riding in company in preparation for raceday**

- Appropriate and safe techniques for riding racehorses over fences.
- Relevant animal welfare legislation and guidelines applicable to jumps racing.
- Health and safety requirements.
- Riding techniques and skills when jumps racing.
- Recognition of individual horse's needs.

Communication pre and post-race

- Notification processes for reporting horse's progress.
- Industry accepted practices for greeting the trainer and authorised persons.
- Communication techniques.
- Listening to and following instruction on race riding strategies.
- Mentally noting horse's performance during the workout.
- Relating relevant details after the workout to the trainer or their representative and authorised person.

Rauemi | Resources

[Animal Welfare Act 1999](#)

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

Racing Act 2020

[Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys 2018](#), available at <http://www.mpi.govt.nz> (Ministry of Primary Industries)

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

Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys 2018;

Site-specific health and safety plans.

Pārongo Whakaū Kounga | Quality assurance information

Ngā rōpū whakatau-paerewa Standard Setting Body	Muka Tangata – People Food and Fibre Workforce Development Council
Whakaritenga Rārangi Paetae Aromatawai DASS classification	Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Equine > Thoroughbred Racing
Ko te tohutoro ki ngā Whakaritenga i te Whakamanatanga me te Whakaōritenga CMR	0052

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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.