

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**Review of *Equine* unit standards**

Subfield	Domain	Id
Equine	Equitation	1619-1622, 6587, 6589, 6592, 6596-6602, 6604-6610, 6616

The NZ Equine Industry Training Organisation has completed the review of the standards listed above.

Date new versions published

July 2008

Planned review date

December 2013

Summary of review and consultation process

A review of the equine unit standards listed above was required to determine whether the standards remained fit for purpose for a further five years. The NZ Equine Industry Training Organisation consulted stakeholders, namely sector, moderation groups, and accredited providers, seeking feedback on the effectiveness of the standards.

A group of 28 equine tutors met at the national equine tutor's moderation meeting held in Palmerston North in November 2006, as a precursor to the review of Equine standards scheduled for 2007. The group of equine providers and tutors reviewed the standards to ensure the content was consistent with industry practices and to draw upon the practical experience gained from assessing and training trainees against the standards. The review was also aimed at improving the clarity of the standards, removing inconsistencies, and ensuring content was relevant, continued to keep abreast of current industry practice, and was fair and equitable for trainees. The resultant feedback was minuted and forwarded to the NZ Equine Industry Training Organisation.

No feedback was obtained throughout the review process on the standards contained within this review. Therefore it was determined that all stakeholders were satisfied that these standards continue to meet industry, assessment, and training needs. However, the Editorial Committee updated addresses, websites, and publication details where necessary and references to the New Zealand Equestrian Federation to the Association's new name of Equestrian Sports New Zealand, and removed the specific year from dressage tests to ensure the standards remain up-to-date between review processes. These last two aspects have impacted on the titles of the following standards 6589, 6597, 6598, 6604, 6605, and 6606.

Main changes resulting from the review

- Dressage test years removed.
- Level on standard 6616 increased to level 4 to reflect the level of responsibility recognised by the standard.
- Titles of standards amended to better reflect standards' content or to improve punctuation.
- Elements modified to ensure clarity of outcomes.

- Performance criteria altered to better meet element requirements and clarify evidence requirements.
- Changes made to ranges to clarify the parameters for assessment.
- Special notes updated.
- Terminology standardised for consistency across standards.
- New Zealand Equestrian Federation and their address and contact details updated to Equestrian Sports New Zealand.

Impact on existing provider accreditations

None.

Impact on Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP)

None.

Impact on existing qualifications

Qualifications that contain the reviewed standards or classifications are tabled below.

Affected	The qualification lists a reviewed classification (domain or subfield) in an elective set The qualification lists a standard that has changes to level or credits The qualification lists a C or D category standard
Not materially affected	The qualification lists a standard that has a new title The qualification lists a standard that has a new classification

The following NZ Equine Industry Training Organisation qualification is not materially affected by the changes. It will be updated when it is next reviewed.

Qualification title	Standard in the qualification
National Certificate in Equine (Level 4) with strands in Breeding, Harness Racing, Sporthorse and Thoroughbred Racing [Ref: 0216]	1619, 1621, 6589
National Certificate in Equine (Stable Practice) (Level 3) with strands in Harness Racing, Sporthorse, Thoroughbred Racing, and Track Riding [Ref: 0654]	1619
National Certificate in Equine (Grade 1 Coaching) (Level 4) [Ref: 0656]	6616

Review Categories and changes to classification, title, level, and credits

All changes are in **bold**.

Key to review category	
A	Dates changed, but no other changes are made - the new version of the standard carries the same Id and a new version number
B	Changes made, but the overall outcome remains the same - the new version of the standard carries the same Id and a new version number
C	Major changes that necessitate the registration of a replacement standard with a new Id
D	Standard will expire and not be replaced

Subfield Equine
Domain Equitation

Id	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
1619	Ride a horse in a balanced position at different gaits on the flat and over 50-60cm fences Ride a horse in a balanced position at different gaits on the flat and over 50 to 60 cm fences	2	4	B
1620	Ride with the horse accepting the bit on the flat and over fences	3	6	B
1621	Ride movements with horses on the bit, on the flat and over fences, and build a simple course Ride movements with horses accepting the bit, on the flat and over fences, and build a simple jumping course	3	9	B
1622	Ride controlled forward movements on different horses on the flat	4	20	B
6587	Build a gymnastics grid that improves the horse's way of going	4	12	B
6589	Ride NZEF Novice Dressage Test 2.4, and describe collection Ride ESNZ Novice Dressage Test 2.4, and describe collection	4	4	B
6592	Analyse equine movement and enhance performance in specific equestrian disciplines	5	6	B
6596	Describe collection and working a horse 'in hand', recognise problems, and suggest solutions	5	4	B
6597	Ride NZEF Open Medium Dressage Test 5.3 Ride ESNZ Open Medium Dressage Test 5.3	5	6	B
6598	Ride the individual movements for NZEF Medium Dressage Test 4.5 Ride the individual movements for ESNZ Medium Dressage Test 4.5	5	6	B
6599	Ride a horse over a course of obstacles, 1.1 to 1.3 metres in height with distance variations	5	8	B
6600	Train a horse to jump a course of obstacles, 1.2 to 1.3 metres in height with distance variations	5	6	B
6601	Ride a horse over a Novice cross country course	4	6	B
6602	Design a showjumping course, and assess an existing course, 1.3 to 1.4 metres in height	5	6	B
6604	Ride NZEF Intermediate II Dressage Test Ride ESNZ Intermediate II Dressage Test	6	8	B
6605	Ride the individual movements for NZEF Open Medium Dressage Test 5.3 Ride the individual movements for ESNZ Open Medium Dressage Test 5.3	5	6	B
6606	Ride NZEF Advanced Dressage Test 6.1 on an unfamiliar horse Ride ESNZ Advanced Dressage Test 6.1 on an unfamiliar horse	6	6	B

Id	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
6607	Ride a horse over a course of obstacles, 1.4 to 1.6 metres in height	6	10	B
6608	Ride a course of obstacles, 1.3 to 1.5 metres in height on an unfamiliar horse Ride a course of obstacles, 1.3 to 1.5 metres in height, on an unfamiliar horse	6	10	B
6609	Ride a horse over a cross country course of maximum height 1.2 metres, at CCN or CCI 3 star level Ride a horse over a cross country course of maximum height of 1.2 metres, at CCN or CCI 3 star level	6	8	B
6610	Design a showjumping course, and assess an existing course, Table A, 1.4 to 1.6 metres in height	6	6	B
6616	Supervise riders to ride a horse and lead another horse simultaneously Supervise a rider to ride a horse and lead another horse simultaneously	3 4	2	B