

Field Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Review of *Riding for the Disabled* unit standards

| Subfield | Domain | ID |
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| Equine | Riding for the Disabled | 17041, 26497, 26498, 26500, 26504, 30165-30178, 32152 |

The Primary ITO has completed the review of the unit standards listed above.

Date new versions published November 2021

Planned review date December 2026

Summary

The unit standards listed above were reviewed as they had reached their scheduled review date.

A working group made up of stakeholders representing the Riding for Disabled (RDA) met in June to discuss the unit standards. Changes were recommended to reflect current RDA requirements.

The unit standards were distributed to the parent body of riding for the disabled (referred to as *New Zealand Riding for the Disabled [NZRDA]*) as well as all riding for disabled affiliated groups located nationally (referred to as *Riding for the Disabled [RDA]*), and RDA therapists for any further feedback on the amended unit standards.

There are eight consent to assess holders for domain *Riding for the Disabled*. As these unit standards are specific to RDA contexts and designed specifically for RDA clients within these contexts the working group recommended that consent to assess holders be informed of the review and the availability of the new versions on the NZQA website. Primary ITO confirmed that consent to assess holders were informed.

Minor changes were recommended from the consultation process, and these were incorporated into the relevant standards following a discussion with the working group.

Main changes

- Unit standards were updated to the NZQA current template.
- Minor changes were made to content to ensure consistency across titles, outcomes and performance criteria.
- Reference details for NZRDA resources was updated.
- Legislation was updated.
- The level for unit standard 17041 was reduced from 5 to 4 as the content was more closely aligned to the Level 4 descriptor.
- Titles were updated for 18 of the unit standards listed in the table below to more accurately reflect the content and to meet NZQA acronyms in titles recommendation.

The last date for assessment of superseded versions of Category B unit standards is December 2022

Detailed list of unit standards – classification, title, level, and credits

| Key to review category | |
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| 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 |

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| ID | Title | Level | Credit | Review Category |
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| 17041 | Select and train horses for Riding for the Disabled (RDA) purposes, and manage stress in RDA horses Select and train horses for Riding for the Disabled purposes, and manage stress in RDA horses | 5 4 | 10 | B |
| 26497 | Plan a Riding for the Disabled (RDA) therapy programme for a rider, and evaluate and amend the plan Plan a Riding for the Disabled therapy programme for a rider, and evaluate and amend the programme | 4 | 10 | B |
| 26498 | Develop a session plan for a Riding for the Disabled (RDA) session for a rider Develop a session plan for a Riding for the Disabled session for a rider | 3 | 5 | B |
| 26500 | Plan a series of RDA sessions for a group of riders in either an educational or sport and recreation programme | 4 | 12 | B |
| 26504 | Prepare for, conduct, and review a series of Riding for the Disabled (RDA) sessions for a group of riders Prepare for, conduct, and review a series of Riding for the Disabled sessions for a group of riders | 4 | 10 | B |
| 30165 | Demonstrate and apply understanding of health and safety requirements for Riding for the Disabled (RDA) sessions Describe and apply health and safety requirements for Riding for the Disabled sessions | 3 | 5 | B |
| 30166 | Demonstrate understanding of Riding for the Disabled (RDA) rider strands and determine rider suitability for a strand Describe Riding for the Disabled rider programmes and determine rider suitability for a programme | 3 | 2 | B |
| 30167 | Demonstrate understanding of rider medical conditions and support needs in a RDA session Describe rider impairments and health conditions, and support needs in a Riding for the Disabled session | 3 | 10 | B |
| 30168 | Prepare a horse for, and carry out activities following, a Riding for the Disabled (RDA) session Describe and fit special or adaptive equipment to the horse in preparation for a Riding for the Disabled session | 3 | 5 | B |
| 30169 | Conduct a therapeutic Riding for the Disabled (RDA) session for a rider Describe, and conduct a therapeutic Riding for the Disabled session for a rider | 3 | 6 | B |

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| 30170 | Review a Riding for the Disabled (RDA) session and maintain rider records Review a Riding for the Disabled session and maintain rider records | 3 | 2 | B |
| 30171 | Demonstrate and supervise sidewalking and leading within a Riding for the Disabled (RDA) session Demonstrate and supervise sidewalking and leading within a Riding for the Disabled session | 3 | 6 | B |
| 30172 | Plan for, and supervise riders to mount and dismount in a Riding for the Disabled (RDA) session Plan for, and supervise riders to mount and dismount in a Riding for the Disabled session | 3 | 7 | B |
| 30173 | Describe, and assist a therapist with, a new rider evaluation for a Riding for the Disabled (RDA) therapy programme Describe, and assist a therapist with, a new rider evaluation for a Riding for the Disabled therapy programme | 4 | 3 | B |
| 30174 | Demonstrate professional and ethical behaviour as a coach in a Riding for the Disabled (RDA) context Demonstrate professional and ethical behaviour as a Riding for the Disabled coach | 4 | 8 | B |
| 30175 | Describe, facilitate, and review effectiveness of, an inclusive and positive learning approach when coaching RDA riders Describe, apply, and review effectiveness of, an inclusive and positive learning approach when coaching RDA riders | 4 | 6 | B |
| 30176 | Demonstrate understanding of, and implement, strategies for de-escalating unwanted rider behaviour in a RDA context Describe and implement strategies for managing rider behaviour in a Riding for the Disabled context | 4 | 8 | B |
| 30177 | Demonstrate understanding of leadership and professional development as a Riding for the Disabled (RDA) coach Describe leadership and professional development as a Riding for the Disabled coach | 4 | 8 | B |
| 30178 | Manage the routine care and health of a group of mixed age therapeutic riding horses used for RDA purposes | 4 | 10 | B |
| 32152 | Describe and apply communication techniques for riders in a Riding for the Disabled session Describe and apply communication techniques for riders in a Riding for the Disabled session | 3 | 4 | B |