

Field **Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries**

Review of *Equine* unit standards

Subfield	Domain	ID
Equine	Equine Care	1629, 1630, 1650, 1659, 6580, 6611, 20523, 22356-22358, 23969, 23970, 25003, 25004, 25441, 29172-29178, 29232
	Equine Industry	1633
	Equine Training	1663
	Equitation	24753, 25671
	Farriery	19946, 19947
	Harness Racing	1597, 1599-1602, 23971, 24304
	Thoroughbred Racing	1613, 1631, 1632, 17707, 22354, 22355, 22360, 22916, 24891

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

A working group made up of key industry stakeholders met in June 2021 to discuss the above unit standards as they were due for mandatory review. Changes were recommended to reflect current industry requirements. Industry stakeholders involved with the wider equine industry and consent to assess holders were then contacted in July 2021 by online survey and invited to provide feedback on the amended unit standards. Minor changes were recommended from the consultation process and these were incorporated where valid.

Unit standard 25441 was reviewed in June 2020 but included in this application to ensure currency and fitness for purpose in the racing industry.

Main changes

- Farriery domain was expired and the remaining unit standards 19946 and 19947 were reclassified to Equine Health domain as the best fit.
- Unit standard 1597 was reclassified from Harness Racing domain to Equine Care domain; and unit standards 23969, 29178, and 29232 were reclassified from Equine Care domain to Harness Racing domain as they were a better fit.
- Unit standards 1629, 1630, 22356-22358, and 25441 were reclassified from Equine Care domain to Thoroughbred Racing domain as they were a better fit.
- Unit standards 20523, 23970, 29173, 29176, and 29177 were reclassified from Equine Care domain to Equine Industry domain as they were a better fit.
- Titles of unit standards 1633, 19946, 19947, 20523, 23970, 23971, 25441, 29172, 29173, 29175 were amended to better reflect the content.
- The level of unit standards 1633, 1663 and 23971 were amended to match requirements with the level descriptors.
- Credits for unit standards 1599, 1630, 1633, 1663, 22358, 23969, 23971, 25441 and 29178 were amended to better reflect the time taken to learn and be assessed.
- Guidance Information was amended to update legislation, reference and current requirements of the industry.
- Outcomes and performance criteria were amended for alignment.
- Performance criteria were rewritten in the active voice.

- Range statements were amended to clarify minimum evidence required.
- Unit standards 1600-1602, 1613, 1631, 1632, 1659, 17707, 22354, 22355, 22360, 22916, 24304, and 24891 were designated expiring without replacement as they are no longer required.
- Two new unit standards were developed to provide in-depth knowledge of the harness racing industry (32879), and to recognise the practical skills required by the industry (32880).
- The unit standards were moved to the current template.

Category D unit standards will expire at the end of December 2023

The last date for assessment of superseded versions of Category B unit standards is December 2023

Impact on existing organisations with consent to assess

Current consent for			Consent extended to		
Nature of consent	Classification or ID	Level	Nature of consent	Classification or ID	Level
Domain	Equine Care	2-5	Standards	1629, 20523, 22356, 22357, 29173, 29232	3
				1630, 22358, 23970, 25441, 29176, 29177, 23969, 29178	4
Domain	Harness Racing	5	Standard	1597	4
Domain	Farriery	3-4	Standards	19946, 19947	3

Detailed list of unit standards – 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

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ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
1650	Prepare a horse for travel by road, and load and unload	3	3	B
1659	Manage stabled horses	5	12	D
6580	Demonstrate knowledge of hazards, routine health care, emergency responses, and ongoing care of horses	3	4	B
6611	Demonstrate knowledge of the procedure for bringing a horse into work after a spell and letting down	3	3	B
25003	Identify conformation, action, and lameness of horses	3	3	B
25004	Travel and care for horses in short-term accommodation	4	4	B
29172	Demonstrate knowledge of horse feeds and feed requirements, and feed horses in training Demonstrate knowledge of horse feeds, nutritional and feed requirements and problems, and feed horses in training	3	5	B
29174	Provide routine care to horses in training	3	5	B

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
29175	Identify horses' body systems, and describe health problems and parasites affecting horses Identify horses' body systems, and describe and report common health problems and parasites affecting horses	3	4	B

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Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Equine > **Equine Industry**

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
20523	Demonstrate knowledge of a horse race venue, and attend to horses before, during, and after racing Identify and describe a horse race venue, and attend to horses before, during, and after racing	3	12	B
23970	Demonstrate understanding of the racing industry judicial system and processes Describe the racing industry adjudicative system and processes	4	5	B
29173	Demonstrate understanding of communication protocols and legislative obligations in an equine workplace Communicate with team members and stakeholders, and comply with employment contract obligations in an equine workplace	3	5	B
29176	Communicate with internal and external clients, and seek raceday rides or drives	4	10	B
29177	Manage personal finances for racing purposes	4	10	B

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Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Equine > **Harness Racing**

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
23969	Gear up and drive a standardbred horse at racing workouts and trials	4	30 35	B
29178	Prepare, implement, and monitor the care of standardbred horses in training	4	25 20	B
29232	Gear up and drive standardbred horses in trackwork, and attend to horses after trackwork	3	15	B

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Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Equine > **Thoroughbred Racing**

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
1629	Ride thoroughbred racehorses in pacework as instructed by the trainer	3	15	B
1630	Ride thoroughbred racehorses at raceday	4	45 50	B
22356	Ride thoroughbred racehorses for barrier practice and jump outs, and report on the horse's performance	3	5	B
22357	Ride thoroughbred racehorses in fastwork as instructed by the trainer	3	10	B
22358	Ride thoroughbred racehorses at official trials to obtain a raceday licence	4	30 35	B

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
25441	Demonstrate knowledge of optimum personal health in a racing industry context Describe and maintain optimum personal health, and apply strategies for high performance in a racing industry context	4	5 10	B

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ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
1633	Nominate a horse for a race, and attend to horse and owner at the races Describe racing programme structure and classes, nominate a horse for a race, and attend to horse and owner at the races	5 4	4 10	B

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ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
1663	Prepare a horse for a specific event	5 4	10 25	B

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Equine > Equitation

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
24753	Assess a horse for lunging and lunge a novice rider on a horse	3	5	B
25671	Plan, implement, and evaluate introductory coaching lessons for riders on horses	3	10	B

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Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Equine > **Equine Health**

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
19946	Demonstrate anatomical and physiological knowledge of horse feet Describe features and internal structure of the hoof capsule of the horse	3	5	B
19947	Demonstrate anatomical and physiological knowledge of horse legs Describe the anatomical structure of horse legs	3	5	B

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ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
1599	Prepare, gear up, and drive a standardbred horse on raceday	4	20 25	B
1600	Represent and/or assist an owner at harness raceday or trials	4	4	D
1601	Demonstrate understanding of educating, and breaking and gaiting a standardbred horse to harness	4	10	D
1602	Demonstrate knowledge of the harness racing industry structure	2	3	D

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
23971	Demonstrate knowledge of New Zealand Rules of Harness Racing and Regulations and their application Describe the application of the New Zealand Rules of Harness Racing and Regulations for racing personnel and horses	3 4	8 10	B
24304	Demonstrate knowledge of harness racing, and the handicapping system	4	5	D
32879	Describe the harness racing industry, associated roles and responsibilities, and the Rules of Harness Racing	4	6	New
32880	Educate, and break and gait a standardbred horse to harness	4	15	New

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Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Equine > **Equine Care**

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
1597	Remove and replace a shoe on a horse	4	6	B

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ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
1613	Organise and conduct barrier training for horses	3	4	D
1631	Demonstrate knowledge of the thoroughbred racing industry judicial system	2	3	D
1632	Demonstrate knowledge of the thoroughbred racing industry structure	2	3	D
17707	Demonstrate knowledge of thoroughbred racing, and the handicapping system	4	5	D
22354	Ride elementary pacework on a thoroughbred racehorse and demonstrate knowledge of Racetrack Bylaws	3	4	D
22355	School thoroughbred racehorses to jump	4	10	D
22360	Ride a thoroughbred horse in an exercise saddle	2	3	D
22916	Ride thoroughbred racehorses to obtain jumping tickets	4	10	D
24891	Demonstrate knowledge of New Zealand Rules of Racing	3	8	D