

<b>Title</b>	<b>Prepare, gear up, and drive a standardbred horse on raceday</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>30</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	<p>This unit standard is for people licensed to drive a Standardbred horse at a race meeting held under the New Zealand Rules of Harness Racing and Regulations.</p> <p>People will be able to: identify suitable drives at harness race meetings and describe the horse's form and the racetrack at which the horse is racing; prepare for the race; complete the preliminary and drive in the race; and attend to post race procedures.</p>
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<b>Classification</b>	Equine > Harness Racing
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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### Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation, code of welfare, and rules relevant to this unit standard include but are not limited to:
  - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
  - Racing Act 2003;
  - Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys 2018, available at <http://www.mpi.govt.nz>;
  - New Zealand Rules of Harness Racing (HRNZ Rules), available from Harness Racing New Zealand Inc., <https://www.hrnz.co.nz/official-information/official-documents/rules-regulations-constitution/>;
  - Harness Racing New Zealand Regulations (HRNZ Regulations), available from Harness Racing New Zealand Inc., <https://www.hrnz.co.nz/official-information/official-documents/rules-regulations-constitution/>; and any subsequent amendments.
- 2 Definition
 

*Workplace procedures* – the procedures and standards set by the client, raceclub and/or or employing organisation. Workplace procedures should reflect equipment manufacturer's requirements, current legislation, codes and rules.
- 3 For the purposes of assessment:
  - evidence must be presented in accordance with workplace procedures.
  - assessment for the practical components of this unit standard must be supplied from a commercial horse enterprise under normal working conditions.
  - a driver can only be assessed after driving on at least four occasions to the satisfaction of the Stipendiary Steward.

- 4 All activities must consider manaakitanga, kaitiakitanga, kotahitanga, and whakawhanaungatanga that are valued in te ao Māori.
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## **Outcomes and performance criteria**

### **Outcome 1**

Identify suitable drives at harness race meetings and describe the horse's form and the racetrack at which the horse is racing.

#### **Performance criteria**

- 1.1 Identify available horses which are suitable for the individual driver's licence.
- 1.2 Describe the horse's form and race details.
- 1.3 Describe the layout of the racetrack at which the horse is racing.

### **Outcome 2**

Prepare for the race.

#### **Performance criteria**

- 2.1 Gear up ensuring safety and correct function.
- 2.2 Obtain information about the horse's prior racing performance and behaviour from the trainer.
- 2.3 Wear appropriate clothing for racing.

### **Outcome 3**

Complete the preliminary and drive in the race.

#### **Performance criteria**

- 3.1 Complete the preliminary.
- 3.2 Carry out final check of gear and take appropriate action if gear faults are identified.
- 3.3 Start the horse and describe the procedure following a false start.
- 3.4 Drive the race implementing race tactics which encourage maximum performance and opportunity for the horse.
- 3.5 Describe the official procedures following the horse breaking.

**Outcome 4**

Attend to post race procedures.

**Performance criteria**

- 4.1 Return the horse to the stabling area.
- 4.2 Provide appropriate feedback to the trainer or trainer representatives on the horse's performance.
- 4.3 Attend to any inquiry, or investigation as instructed by race officials.

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**Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions**

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Registration	1	27 October 1994	31 December 2023
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<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	0018
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

**Comments on this unit standard**

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