

Title	Organise and conduct barrier training for horses		
Level	3	Credits	4

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is for people involved with barrier training horses on training tracks.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: set up the starting gates ready for horses to enter; describe the loading process; and operate stalls to release horses.</p>
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Classification	Equine > Thoroughbred Racing
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, and its subsequent amendments.
- 2 *Race club procedures* are the documented practices and policies required within a particular workplace, and do not contravene the *Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for Welfare of Horses*. (Wellington: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, 1993); or available at <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/animal-welfare/codes/horses/index.htm>.
- 3 For this unit standard the practical assessment evidence must be provided in the context of a commercial business operation under normal working conditions.
- 4 The New Zealand Racing Codes are empowered under the Racing Act 2003 to ensure compliance with the Rules of Racing, which are obtainable from New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing, PO Box 38386, Wellington Mail Centre, Telephone 04 576 6240 or from the official website <http://www.nzracing.co.nz>.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Set up the starting gates ready for horses to enter.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Gates are checked and tested to ensure they are functional in accordance with race club procedures.
- Range front gates open to widest possible extension, back gates swing easily on hinges, back and front gates shut securely, absence of protruding objects on inside of gates, front gates open immediately when sprung.
- 1.2 Gates are prepared for horses to enter according to starting procedure.
- Range front gate shut, back gate open.
- 1.3 Loading and jumping surface is prepared in terms of safety for horses.
- Range firm, level, absence of foreign objects.

Outcome 2

Describe the loading process.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Description outlines procedure for checking safety equipment is worn in accordance with the Rules of Racing prior to riders entering starting gates.
- 2.2 Description outlines the procedure for loading horses into gates.
- 2.3 Description outlines club procedures for placing horses in gates according to ease of loading.
- 2.4 Description outlines methods of loading difficult horses.
- Range two people linking arms behind horse and pushing, ropes.
- 2.5 Description outlines process for assisting riders on fractious horses in starting gates, in a manner which is safe for the horse, and rider.

Outcome 3

Operate stalls to release horses.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Riders are clearly warned to prepare for release, prior to release, in accordance with race club procedures.
- 3.2 Visual check of track ensures it is clear of horses, hazards, and people.
- 3.3 Gates are opened to despatch horses in accordance with race club procedures.

This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.

Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	27 October 1994	31 December 2023
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.