

<b>Title</b>	<b>Ride thoroughbred racehorses at raceday</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>50</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	<p>This unit standard is for riders who hold an Apprentice Jockey's Licence permitting them to ride thoroughbred horses on official racedays.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: prepare for raceday; check official scratchings, present self at riding weight, and describe the consequences of being overweight; meet with the trainer or trainer's representative to obtain riding strategy and colours; prepare for racing, ride the horse in the race to the finishing post, and carry out post-race procedures; and apply the relevant New Zealand Rules of Racing on raceday and describe consequences of riding outside the New Zealand Rules of Racing.</p>
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<b>Classification</b>	Equine > Thoroughbred Racing
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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## Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation, rules, and code of welfare relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
  - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
  - New Zealand Rules of Racing, available at [Rules, Directives, Policies and Regulations | NZTR \(loveracing.nz\)](http://www.nztr.co.nz/rules-directives-policies-and-regulations);
  - Racing Act 2020;
  - Racetrack Bylaws, available from the secretary of the racing track where horses are working;
  - Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys 2018, available at <http://www.mpi.govt.nz>; and any subsequent amendments.
- 2 Definition
 

*Workplace procedures* – the procedures and standards set by the client, raceclub and employing organisation. Workplace procedures should reflect equipment manufacturer's requirements, and current legislation.

- 3 For the purposes of assessment:
- evidence must be presented in accordance with workplace procedures.
  - evidence may be presented after riding in at least three previous occasions to the satisfaction of a New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) nominated official.
  - The safety gear worn by the rider must meet the standards set by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Inc, available at <https://loveracing.nz/>.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Prepare for raceday.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Prepare personal items.
- 1.2 Determine riding weights for race rides.
- 1.3 Present raceday representation to officials.
- Range may include but is not limited to – employer, employer stand-in, NZTR riding mentor; may be in writing.
- 1.4 Determine race track details and racing conditions, and race form of other horses in the field.

### Outcome 2

Check official scratchings, present self at riding weight, and describe the consequences of being overweight.

#### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Check official scratchings.
- 2.2 Present self at nominated riding weight.
- 2.3 Describe the consequences of being overweight.

### Outcome 3

Meet with the trainer or trainer's representative to obtain riding strategy and colours.

#### Performance criteria

- 3.1 Obtain details from the trainer or trainer's representative on the horse's characteristics, race pattern, preparation, and riding strategy.

- 3.2 Receive colours for racing and describe procedures for riding in club colours.
- 3.3 Weigh out and provide saddle and gear to trainer or trainer's representative for gearing up.
- 3.4 Describe procedures to follow with variations to riding weight.

#### **Outcome 4**

Prepare for racing, ride the horse in the race to the finishing post, and carry out post-race procedures.

#### **Performance criteria**

- 4.1 Present self in the birdcage at the right time, confirm instructions from trainer or trainer's representative, approach and mount the horse in a safe manner.
- 4.2 Ride horse to barriers in a controlled manner, check gear and follow starters orders for loading into barriers.
- 4.3 Ride horse in the race, implementing race tactics which encourage maximum performance and opportunity for the horse within the New Zealand Rules of Racing.
- 4.4 Identify and correct problems associated with horse's performance.
- 4.5 Carry out post-race procedures from race finish to return to the birdcage, and report to the trainer or trainer's representative.
- 4.6 Weigh in with saddle and gear.

#### **Outcome 5**

Apply the relevant New Zealand Rules of Racing on raceday and describe consequences of riding outside the New Zealand Rules of Racing.

#### **Performance criteria**

- 5.1 Apply the relevant rules of the New Zealand Rules of Racing while on course on raceday.
- 5.2 Describe the consequences of riding outside the New Zealand Rules of Racing on raceday.

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**Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference**

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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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