

<b>Title</b>	<b>Prepare a horse for travel by road, and load and unload</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>3</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to: prepare the float or truck for the horse to enter; pack the vehicle with supplies to meet horse and staff personal gear for the duration of the event; prepare the horse with protective gear ready for travel, and describe the horse's requirements during break stops; load the horse on a float or a truck safely in preparation for travel, describe safety considerations, and methods for loading and unloading difficult horses; describe common injuries and illnesses related to travelling horses; unload the horse from a float or a truck, and report health of the horse; and attend to immediate post-travel activities relating to horse and vehicle.
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<b>Classification</b>	Equine > Equine Care
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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### Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation and code of welfare relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
  - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
  - 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 or employing organisation. Workplace procedures should reflect equipment manufacturer's requirements, current legislation, and NZ Pony Club Manual 1.
- 3 Reference
 

*NZ Pony Club Manual 1*, original by Elaine Knox-Thompson and Suzanne Dickens, revised and updated by Kevin Lawrence BHSI; 2009.
- 4 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.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Prepare the float or truck for the horse to enter.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Describe the features, and differences between floats and trucks for loading, unloading, and the way horses are positioned when travelling.
- 1.2 Check internal and external features of the float or truck for safety.
- 1.3 Prepare partitions for the horse to load.

### Outcome 2

Pack the vehicle with supplies to meet horse and staff personal gear for the duration of the event.

#### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Identify and pack supplies for the horse's requirements for the duration of time away.  
  
Range        supplies may include – feed, equipment.
- 2.2 Pack equipment and personal gear for travelling personnel.

### Outcome 3

Prepare the horse with protective gear ready for travel, and describe the horse's requirements during break stops.

#### Performance criteria

- 3.1 Describe the purpose of protective gear used for travel.
- 3.2 Fit protective gear to horse for travel as required.
- 3.3 Describe the horse's requirements during break stops.

### Outcome 4

Load the horse on a float or a truck safely in preparation for travel, describe safety considerations, and methods for loading and unloading difficult horses.

#### Performance criteria

- 4.1 Lead the horse up the ramp confidently and secure in the float or truck to prevent backing off, demonstrating safe loading practices.

4.2 Raise and secure the ramp.

4.3 Describe safety considerations when loading and unloading, and suitability of loading methods for difficult horses.

### Outcome 5

Describe common injuries and illnesses related to travelling horses.

#### Performance criteria

5.1 Describe common injuries and illnesses in relation to travelling horses.

Range may include but is not limited to – injuries to coronet, lower legs, poll, tail; pulled shoes; travel sickness; elevated temperature, pulse, respiration; evidence of four is required.

### Outcome 6

Unload the horse from a float or a truck, and report health of the horse.

#### Performance criteria

6.1 Safely unload the horse in a methodical manner without injury to horse, equipment or self, demonstrating safe unloading practices.

6.2 Report physical condition of the horse and behaviour to the supervisor.

### Outcome 7

Attend to immediate post-travel activities relating to horse and vehicle.

#### Performance criteria

7.1 Restrain the horse and remove travelling gear.

7.2 Store gear in preparation for return journey.

7.3 Restore internal part of the vehicle.

Range may include but is not limited to – clean, wash, readjust partitions, restore ramp position; evidence of two is required.

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

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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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