

Title	Identify, catch, and prepare a horse for exercise		
Level	2	Credits	5

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is for people involved with assisting the trainer in the preparation of horses for an event or competition.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: identify, catch, and restrain the horse; prepare the horse for gearing up; fit gear in preparation for exercise; fit protection to the lower leg of the horse; and attend to post-exercise activities.</p>
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Classification	Equine > Equine Training
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation and code relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
 - Animal Welfare Act 1999;
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
 - Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys.
- 2 Performance of all aspects of this unit standard should comply with the *Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys*, available at www.mpi.govt.nz.
- 3 *Stable procedures* are the verbal or written instructions to staff on practices and policies required within a particular workplace.
- 4 For this unit standard, the practical assessment evidence must be provided in the context of a commercial business operation under normal working conditions.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Identify, catch, and restrain the horse.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Identify the horse by colour, markings, or brands.

- 1.2 Catch the horse in a manner that does not endanger the horse, other horses, or people.
- Range catch in – paddock, stable, yard;
evidence of either paddock, stable or yard is required.
- 1.3 Describe solutions for catching difficult horses in accordance with the situation.
- Range using feed, body position, extra people, smaller area, verbal encouragement.
- 1.4 Fit halter in a manner which maintains control of the horse at all times, and with the horse calm throughout the procedure.
- 1.5 Lead the horse in different situations while maintaining control at all times in a manner which is safe for the horse and the handler.
- Range may include but is not limited to – through gates which are opened then shut, through stable doors which are opened then shut, into and out of a yard;
evidence of at least two situations is required.
- 1.6 Tie the horse using a quick release knot, with sufficient length of rope for the horse to remain in a comfortable position while standing.

Outcome 2

Prepare the horse for gearing up.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Remove covers, with the horse remaining calm, and place in a manner which is not likely to cause damage or endanger the horse.
- Range may include but is not limited to – sweat, canvas, wool, quilted, under-rug.
- 2.2 Groom the horse to remove obvious signs of mud and sweat according to the activity and in accordance with stable procedures.

Outcome 3

Fit gear in preparation for exercise.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Fit accessories in a manner which ensures efficient action and comfort for the horse, while the horse remains calm and restrained at all times.
- 3.2 Fit saddle and saddle cloth and secure in a manner which ensures comfort for the horse, while the horse remains calm and restrained at all times.

3.3 Fit bridle with bit, while the horse remains calm and restrained at all times.

Range fitting – comfortable for the horse, bit works effectively.

3.4 Report ill-fitting and unsafe saddlery to the supervisor or trainer in accordance with stable procedures.

Outcome 4

Fit protection to the lower leg of the horse.

Range foreleg, hindleg.

Performance criteria

4.1 Apply leg protection, firm enough to be comfortable for the horse and to achieve its purpose.

Range may include but is not limited to – brushing, tendon, shin and tendon, over reach, kneeboots, bellboots.

Outcome 5

Attend to post-exercise activities.

Performance criteria

5.1 Remove gear in a methodical manner with the horse restrained in a safe manner, and in accordance with stable procedures.

5.2 Cool the horse, and check for injury in accordance with stable procedures.

5.3 Replace covers ensuring all fasteners are secured to a fit which is comfortable for the horse.

5.4 Release the horse into an area as directed by the supervisor or trainer in a manner which is safe for the horse, the handler, and other horses.

Range may include but is not limited to – stable, yard, paddock; evidence of either paddock, stable or yard is required.

5.5 Clean gear used for exercise to remove sweat and dirt and stored in accordance with stable procedures.

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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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