

Title	Select and train horses for Riding for the Disabled purposes, and manage stress in RDA horses		
Level	4	Credits	10

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: demonstrate knowledge of selection procedures and select horses for RDA purposes; train horses for RDA use; and manage stress in horses during RDA sessions and monitor for suitability.
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Classification	Equine > Riding for the Disabled
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation and codes relevant to this unit standard include but are not limited to:
 - Animal Welfare Act 1999;
 - Health and Disability Commissioner Act 1994;
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
 - Privacy Act 2020;
 - Vulnerable Children's Act 2017;
 - Health and Disability Commissioner (Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights) Regulations 1996;
 - Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys 2018;
 - and any subsequent amendments.

- 2 Definition

New Zealand Riding for the Disabled (NZRDA) is the parent body of riding for the disabled. All riding for disabled affiliated groups are referred to as *Riding for the Disabled (RDA)*.

NZRDA standards refer to policies and procedures set by the NZRDA which are available on the Group Resource Library, NZRDA The Stable <https://thestable.rda.org.nz/s/>. NZRDA standards reflect current legislation.

- 3 For the purposes of assessment:
 - evidence must be presented in accordance with NZRDA standards.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate knowledge of selection procedures and select horses for RDA purposes.

Performance criteria

1.1 Describe the advantages and disadvantages for selecting horses from various sources.

Range evidence of at least two advantages and two disadvantages for each of the following sources is required – donated, purchased, hired and/or loaned by commercial riding schools, hired and/or loaned by private owners.

1.2 Describe the criteria for horse's attributes required for RDA purposes.

1.3 Describe the criteria for horse's conformation and movement required for RDA purposes.

1.4 Select horses that meet the requirements of RDA.

Range evidence of at least three horses is required.

1.5 Document the selection process.

Outcome 2

Train horses for RDA use.

Range evidence of training at least three horses is required.

Performance criteria

2.1 Accustom the horses to situations they are likely to encounter during RDA sessions.

2.2 Describe the purpose of, and demonstrate techniques to train horses to work in a RDA programme.

Range includes but is not limited to – pressure/ release, lunging, schooling.

Outcome 3

Manage stress in horses during RDA sessions and monitor for suitability.

Performance criteria

3.1 Recognise situations and conditions causing stress in the horses and take action to alleviate and/or remove stress.

3.2 Monitor horses for safety and suitability for RDA use and take action for any horses that are unsafe and/or no longer suitable and/or useful.

3.3 Describe horses weight carrying capacities in terms of the factors which affect weight carrying capacity.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	22 December 1999	31 December 2012
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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	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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