

Title	Prepare horses and clients for a short horse trek		
Level	3	Credits	10

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are, for a short horse trek, able to: select and prepare a horse, and supervise completion of documentation; and prepare clients.
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Classification	Tourism > Horse Trek Guiding
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

1 Definition

Short horse trek refers to a trek of less than four hours' duration.

Sound refers to a horse with no condition that interferes with its use or intended use.

Worksite procedures refer to the documented policies and procedures for worksite activities as required by the employer.

2 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015; Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Compensation Act 2001; Consumer Guarantees Act 1993; and Fair Trading Act 1986.

Any relevant Acts, regulations, and bylaws must be complied with during assessment against this standard.

3 Recommended website

Care advice is available at the New Zealand Department of Conservation website: www.doc.govt.nz.

4 In the context of this unit standard *client* is also the rider.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Select and prepare a horse for a horse trek, and supervise completion of documentation for a short horse trek.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Horses for riding are selected to match client characteristics and horse trek requirements.
- Range client characteristics may include but are not limited to – previous experience, height, weight, confidence, age, health condition; horse trek requirements include but are not limited to – length, terrain, weather.
- 1.2 Horses capable of completing duration of trek without undue stress or discomfort are selected.
- Range includes but is not limited to – sound, fit for purpose, healthy.
- 1.3 Horses for riding are prepared in gear suitable for horse trekking which enables control by client and comfort for horse and client.
- Range gear includes – safe for use, comfortable for the horse, comfortable for the client.
- 1.4 Documentation is prepared and completed in accordance with legislation and worksite procedures.
- Range must include but is not limited to – client information, acknowledgement of safety briefing, medical disclosure, emergency contact details.

Outcome 2

Prepare clients for a short horse trek.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Client are checked to ensure clothing and equipment is fitted in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, and worksite procedures.
- Range equipment must include but is not limited to – safety helmet, stirrup iron size, weather protection.
- 2.2 Clients are assisted to mount their horses in a manner which does not cause stress or injury to horses or clients, and maintains control of horses at all times.
- Range assistance may include but is not limited to – leg up, mounting block, holding opposite stirrup.
- 2.3 Saddlery is adjusted to match comfort and control by client or guide along with comfort of the horse.

2.4 Pre-trip brief is carried out in accordance with worksite procedures.

Range includes but is not limited to – ride etiquette, riding position, riding skills, introduction of guide(s) and other trek participants, guidelines and rules of the trek, description of the trek, rider's personal comfort, assistance during the trek, environmental care code, waste management, location of safety equipment.

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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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