

Title	Identify and describe a horse race venue, and attend to horses before, during, and after racing		
Level	3	Credits	12

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: identify race club officials, and racetrack layout and condition for racing at the racing venue; identify and describe the rules of racing applicable to the handler on raceday; identify and describe the form and race details of horse under direct care on raceday; prepare horse's gear and self for raceday; prepare the horse for racing, and present the horse to the driver or jockey at the required time; attend to post-race procedures; and describe swabbing and sample collection procedures, and the duties of the horse handler during swabbing and sample collection.
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Classification	Equine > Equine Industry
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation, code of welfare, and rules 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>;
 - The New Zealand Rules of Racing relevant to the raceday, available from <https://loveracing.nz/nztr/resources/rules-directives-and-policies>;
 - The New Zealand Rules of Harness Racing available from <https://www.hrnz.co.nz/official-information/official-documents/rules-regulations-constitution/>;
 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, race club procedures, racetrack bylaws, and racing club standards of safety gear.
- 3 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.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Identify race club officials, and racetrack layout and condition for racing at the racing venue.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Identify race club officials by name and describe their roles.

Range may include but is not limited to – Racecourse Investigator, Starter, Clerk of the Course, Racing Integrity Board (RIB); evidence of three is required.
- 1.2 Identify racetrack layout, length of track, location of stables, and describe condition for racing.

Outcome 2

Identify and describe the rules of racing applicable to the handler on raceday.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Identify the rules of racing applicable to the handler.
- 2.2 Describe the rules of racing applicable to the handler.

Outcome 3

Identify and describe the form and race details of horse under direct care on raceday.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Identify the horse/s by brand or microchip and physical characteristics.
- 3.2 Describe the horse's form.
- 3.3 Identify the race number, race time, jockey or driver, type and class of race, and barrier position.

Outcome 4

Prepare horse's gear and self for raceday.

Performance criteria

- 4.1 Pack essential gear required for the horse on raceday.
- 4.2 Prepare and maintain personal standard of attire and footwear suitable for the situation.

Outcome 5

Prepare the horse for racing, and present the horse to the driver or jockey at the required time.

Performance criteria

- 5.1 Attend to care of the horse while restrained at racing venue.
- 5.2 Prepare horse as specified by the trainer.
- 5.3 Present the prepared horse to the driver or jockey as instructed and consistent with the relevant rules of racing protocols.
- 5.4 Safely handle horses on raceday according to behavioural characteristics and gender.

Outcome 6

Attend to post-race procedures.

Performance criteria

- 6.1 Identify the gear that can be removed from the horse while in the birdcage or winners' enclosure consistent with the code's rules of racing protocols.
- 6.2 Describe the process to return the horse to tie-up stall area.
- 6.3 Cool and cover the horse as instructed by the trainer.

Outcome 7

Describe swabbing and sample collection procedures, and the duties of the horse handler during swabbing and sample collection.

Performance criteria

- 7.1 Describe the purpose and procedures for swabbing, sample collection, and cataloguing.
- 7.2 Describe the duties of the horse handler during swabbing and sample collection consistent with the code's rules of racing protocols.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

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Review	5	25 November 2021	N/A

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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