

<b>Title</b>	<b>Ride elementary pacework on a thoroughbred racehorse and demonstrate knowledge of Racetrack Bylaws</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>4</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	<p>This unit standard is mainly for people employed in racing stables or entering the industry who are preparing to apply for an apprenticeship or who want to ride 'work' for a trainer.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: mount and dismount a horse; ride a horse at pacework, alone, and in company, in a controlled environment; and demonstrate knowledge of Racetrack Bylaws.</p>
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<b>Classification</b>	Equine > Thoroughbred Racing
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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### Guidance Information

- 1 Recommended: Unit 22360, *Ride a thoroughbred horse in an exercise saddle*, or demonstrate equivalent knowledge and skills.
- 2 A controlled, safe environment may include a private training track.
- 3 The saddle used must be a thoroughbred racing or specialist exercise saddle.
- 4 The horse used must be a thoroughbred racehorse currently in work or recently retired.
- 5 Pacework is ridden at canter.
- 6 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, and its subsequent amendments.
- 7 Procedures and practices demonstrated by the candidate during assessment against this unit standard must be in accordance with the *Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for the Welfare of Horses* (Wellington: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, 1993).
- 8 A copy of the relevant Racetrack Bylaws is required for this unit standard. These can be obtained from the Secretary of the racing club where horses are working. For the purpose of this unit standard, candidates being assessed on a private track will be assessed on the relevant Racetrack Bylaws of the nearest public track in the vicinity.

- 9 The safety gear worn by the rider must meet the standards set by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing, obtainable from New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing, PO Box 38386, Wellington Mail Centre, Telephone 04 576 6240.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Mount and dismount a horse.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Clothing worn meets the requirements of New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing.  
Range approved safety helmet and vest; smooth soled, heeled footwear.
- 1.2 Adjustments are made to gear in accordance with rider and horse requirements.
- 1.3 The horse is mounted with rider lowering gently into the saddle and maintaining control of the horse at all times.  
Range mounting block, leg up, vault up.
- 1.4 The horse is dismounted with rider landing on the ground with both feet simultaneously and maintaining control of the horse at all times.

### Outcome 2

Ride a horse at pacework, alone, and in company, in a controlled environment.

#### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Natural aids are used to control the horse.  
Range seat, leg, voice, hands.
- 2.2 A steady and correct riding crouch position, with medium length stirrup leathers and bridged reins, is maintained at all times.
- 2.3 The horse is warmed up at walk and trot in a calm manner prior to progressing in pacework.
- 2.4 The horse is kept on own path, straight, and under control at all times.  
Range left rein, right rein.
- 2.5 A balanced position is maintained at all times.
- 2.6 The horse is pulled up gradually and warmed down at the completion of work.  
Range canter, trot, walk.

### Outcome 3

Demonstrate knowledge of Racetrack Bylaws

#### Performance criteria

3.1 The importance of Racetrack Bylaws and the relevance of implementation are described.

3.2 Racetrack Bylaws relevant to track riders and strappers are explained.

Range training track use, conduct, track supervision, opening and closing times and when and why changes may be made, where notices are posted, positioning on track of slow and fast working horses, horses working abreast, working a horse on a lead, entering and leaving track, using the facilities, horses health, approved riding gear, approval to ride, responsibility for understanding Racetrack Bylaws.

**This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.**

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

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	20 November 2006	31 December 2023
Review	2	25 November 2021	31 December 2023

#### 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>.