

<b>Title</b>	<b>Ride thoroughbred racehorses at official trials to obtain a raceday licence</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>35</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	<p>This unit standard is for apprentices who are seeking to gain their raceday licence through riding in trials and is a prerequisite for riders to ride raceday.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: prepare to ride horses at official trials for the purpose of obtaining a raceday licence; ride a horse at trials; and undertake post-trial procedures.</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 Legislation, code of welfare, and rules relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
  - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
  - Racing Act 2020;
  - Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys 2018, available at <http://www.mpi.govt.nz>;
  - New Zealand Rules of Racing, available at <https://loveracing.nz/nztr/resources/rules-directives-and-policies>;
  - Racetrack Bylaws, available from the secretary of the racing track where horses are working; and any subsequent amendments.
- 2 Definitions
 

*Pacework* – the horse ridden at canter.

*Workplace procedures* – the procedures and standards set by the client, raceclub and employing organisation. Workplace procedures should reflect equipment manufacturer's requirements, and current legislation.
- 3 For the purposes of assessment:
  - evidence must be presented in accordance with workplace procedures.
  - assessment must be supplied from a commercial business operation under normal working conditions and undertaken on a public training track.
  - can only be achieved when an official nominated by the New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing is satisfied that the rider is proficient and meets the required standards for a raceday licence in accordance with the New Zealand Rules of Racing.

- a rider must be licensed with New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing to ride in a trial, and must have a Class C license (probationer, pre apprentice stage) or minimum trackrider license and have approval from an official of New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing.
- the safety gear worn by the rider must meet the standards set by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Inc. Information is available at <https://loveracing.nz/>.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Prepare to ride horses at official trials for the purpose of obtaining a raceday licence.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Describe the methods for obtaining rides.
- 1.2 Prepare personal riding items as specified in the New Zealand Rules of Racing.
- 1.3 Describe individual race track features and racing conditions.  
  
Range may include but is not limited to – distance of racetrack, length of straight, contour of track, right hand and left hand track, running rail position, start positions, track conditions.
- 1.4 Provide relevant information to the nominated New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing official to obtain confirmation of trial riding assessment, for the purpose of obtaining a raceday licence.
- 1.5 Apply New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing rules for riding at trials.

### Outcome 2

Ride a horse at trials.

#### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Obtain riding instructions from the trainer or representatives.
- 2.2 Mount the horse and ride the horse to barriers as instructed by the trainer(s).
- 2.3 Describe variations to race club procedures for standard preliminary procedure.
- 2.4 Undertake safety procedures prior to loading in the starting gates, load the horse into the starting gates and request assistance when necessary.
- 2.5 Jump the horse out with reins at moderate length, maintaining balance and holding a true line when gates open.
- 2.6 Position the horse in the field as instructed by trainers or representatives, within the guidelines of New Zealand Rules of Racing.

- 2.7 Obtain maximum performance from the horse throughout the trial race, without causing interference to other horses and jockeys.
- 2.8 Identify and correct problems associated with the horse's performance.

### Outcome 3

Undertake post-trial procedures.

### Performance criteria

- 3.1 Pull the horse up and follow race club procedures for returning to the birdcage.
- 3.2 Dismount the horse and remove gear.
- 3.3 Relate details of the way in which the horse performed in the trial to the trainer or their representative clearly, concisely, and courteously.

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

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<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	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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