

<b>Title</b>	<b>Describe the application of the New Zealand Rules of Harness Racing and Regulations for racing personnel and horses</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>10</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to describe; the purpose and application of the HRNZ Rules and HRNZ Regulation's and stakeholders to whom they apply; the criteria and procedures used in licensing a person under the HRNZ Rules and HRNZ Regulations; the requirements of trials horseman, junior driver, and horseman under the HRNZ Rules and HRNZ Regulations; the requirements and responsibilities of a licensed trainer and/or licensed person in charge of a horse on raceday under the HRNZ Rules; the HRNZ rules as they relate to the standardbred horse and ownership; and the offences and penalties that can be administered to a racing licence holder found guilty of an offence under the HRNZ Rules.
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<b>Classification</b>	Equine > Harness 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 include but are not limited to:
  - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
  - Racing Act 2003;
  - Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys 2018, available at <http://www.mpi.govt.nz>;
  - New Zealand Rules of Harness Racing (HRNZ Rules), available from Harness Racing New Zealand Inc., <https://www.hrnz.co.nz/official-information/official-documents/rules-regulations-constitution/>;
  - Harness Racing New Zealand Regulations (HRNZ Regulations), available from Harness Racing New Zealand Inc., <https://www.hrnz.co.nz/official-information/official-documents/rules-regulations-constitution/>; and any subsequent amendments.
- 2 Definitions
 

*Raceclub procedures* – the procedures and standards set by the particular race club.

*Workplace procedures* – the procedures and standards set by the client, raceclub and employing organisation. Workplace procedures should reflect current legislation.
- 3 For the purposes of assessment:
  - evidence must be presented in accordance with raceclub procedures.

- 4 All activities must consider manaakitanga, kaitiakitanga, kotahitanga, and whakawhanaungatanga that are valued in te ao Māori.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Describe the purpose and application of the HRNZ Rules and HRNZ Regulations, and stakeholders to whom they apply.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Describe the purpose and application of the HRNZ Rules.
- 1.2 Describe the purpose and application of HRNZ Regulations.
- Range may include but is not limited to – power to make regulations, relativity to rules.
- 1.3 Describe types of stakeholders to whom the HRNZ Rules and HRNZ Regulations apply.
- Range persons, clubs, associated bodies, horses.

### Outcome 2

Describe the criteria and procedures used in licensing a person under the HRNZ Rules and HRNZ Regulations.

#### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Describe who is required to be licensed under the HRNZ Rules and HRNZ Regulations and the criteria that apply.
- 2.2 Describe the criteria and procedures required for issuing a licence to a stable hand, trials horseman, and junior driver and a licence to train.
- Range includes but is not limited to – age restrictions, performance criteria, attendance at trainee school, appropriate forms.

### Outcome 3

Describe the requirements of trials horseman, junior driver, and horseman under the HRNZ Rules and HRNZ Regulations.

**Performance criteria**

3.1 Describe the requirements of a horseman in relation to whites, racing colours, and safety gear.

Range includes but is not limited to – boots, vests, helmets.

3.2 Describe the race driving regulations that a horseman must comply with.

Range includes but is not limited to – prior to leaving the stabling area, warming up, under starters orders, during the race, and following the race.

**Outcome 4**

Describe the requirements and responsibilities of a licenced trainer and/or licenced person in charge of a horse on raceday under the HRNZ Rules.

**Performance criteria**

4.1 Describe the rules that a licenced trainer must comply with in relation to training and racing a horse under the New Zealand Rules of Harness Racing.

Range includes but is not limited to – trainer notification and its time factor, colour registration, inspection of first starters, correct horse is started in race, horse is presented drug free.

4.2 Describe the responsibility of a licenced trainer to have a horse at a meeting at a stipulated time in the allocated stall or box.

Range includes but is not limited to – time on course, first race and races thereafter, reason horse must be on track at stipulated time.

4.3 Describe the responsibility of a licenced trainer or a licensed person representing a trainer in relation to gear.

Range may include but is not limited to – missing gear, faulty gear, gear coming adrift.

4.4 Describe the responsibility of a licenced trainer or licensed person presenting a horse to a driver.

Range may include but is not limited to – gear, driving colours, timeliness.

**Outcome 5**

Describe the HRNZ Rules as they relate to the standardbred horse and ownership.

**Performance criteria**

- 5.1 Describe the requirements of the HRNZ Rules as they relate to the horse.
- Range includes but is not limited to – age, restrictions on racing a horse, determining the age of the horse.
- 5.2 Describe the requirements of the HRNZ Rules for registering and naming a horse.
- 5.3 Describe the requirements of the HRNZ Rules for change of horse ownerships.
- 5.4 Describe the HRNZ Rules for ownership arrangements for joint interest, leasing, and syndication.
- Range includes but is not limited to – number of members, registrations, condition of leases.

**Outcome 6**

Describe the offences and penalties that can be administered to a racing licence holder found guilty of an offence under the HRNZ Rules.

**Performance criteria**

- 6.1 Describe the penalties which can be administered to a licence holder found guilty of an offence in accordance with the HRNZ Rules and HRNZ Regulations.
- Range reprimand, unpaid forfeit list, fine, suspension, disqualification.
- 6.2 Describe serious racing penalties that could be imposed on stable-hands, trials and junior licence holders for offences.
- Range may include but is not limited to – prohibited substances, bringing harness racing into disrepute, dishonest or fraudulent acts. evidence of three penalties is required.

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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>.

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**Comments on this unit standard**

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