

Title	Describe standardbreds and their breeding, and evaluate a standardbred's potential		
Level	4	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: describe the development, spread, and influential lines of the standardbred, the standardbred breeding calendar, standardbred pedigrees, and the administration of the standardbred breeding industry; and evaluate a horse's potential, and assess sale options suitable for individual horses.
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Classification	Equine > Equine Care
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

The *New Zealand Rules of Harness Racing* is issued by, and available from, Harness Racing New Zealand Inc., PO Box 459, Christchurch 8140, www.hrnz.co.nz.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe the development, spread, and influential lines of the standardbred.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Describe the development of the standardbred as a breed in terms of the significance of the Thoroughbred, Messenger, Hambletonian 10, and other breeds.

Range other breeds include but are not limited to – Cleveland Bay, Clay, Norfolk Trotter, Morgan.
- 1.2 Describe the significance of the standard time in relation to the standardbred and as referred to in the New Zealand Rules of Harness Racing.
- 1.3 Describe the geographical spread of the standardbred in relation to its beginning in the United States in the nineteenth century, to present day.

- 1.4 Describe influential lines of the standardbred in terms of their contribution to the development of the breed.

Range must include – at least four influential standardbred lines from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Outcome 2

Describe the standardbred breeding calendar.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Describe the breeding calendar in relation to stud activities and the times of the year they occur.

Range mating, foaling, weaning.

- 2.2 Describe the breeding calendar in terms of its relevance to the standardbred industry, relationships between hemispheres, and the significance of climate.

- 2.3 Describe the breeding calendar in terms of the timing of yearling and other age-category sales and marketing in the standardbred industry.

Outcome 3

Describe standardbred pedigrees, evaluate a horse's potential, and assess sale options suitable for individual horses.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Describe standardbred pedigrees in terms of the details of horses and their close relatives, and the significance of black type.

Range age, brands, sire details, dam details, performance of close relatives, mile rates;
evidence of four pedigrees is required.

- 3.2 Evaluate horses' pedigrees, conformation, gait, and family performance to determine their potential as possible racing or breeding prospects.

Range evidence of four horses is required.

- 3.3 Assess suitable sale options for their suitability for individual horses according to their pedigrees, physical stature and date of birth.

Range weanlings and/or yearlings.

- 3.4 Determine the compatibility between mare and stallion by analysis of their bloodlines and potential commercial appeal of offspring.

Range may include but is not limited to – line breeding, in breeding, out cross, proven cross; evidence of four is required.

Outcome 4

Describe the administration of the standardbred breeding industry.

Performance criteria

- 4.1 Describe the breeders' responsibilities and registration requirements to Harness Racing New Zealand.

Range broodmare owners, stallion owners.

- 4.2 Describe administration of the standardbred breeding industry in terms of the role of Harness Racing New Zealand.

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Comments on this unit standard

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