

<b>Title</b>	<b>Prepare harness horses for exercise and provide after care</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>10</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to: fit gear to a standardbred horse in preparation for exercise; and carry out post-exercise activities with the horse restrained.
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<b>Classification</b>	Equine > Equine Care
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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### Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation and code of welfare 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>; 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, and current legislation.
- 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.

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### Outcomes and performance criteria

#### Outcome 1

Fit gear to a standardbred horse in preparation for exercise.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Identify the types, purpose, and correct fit of harness.
- 1.2 Prepare the horse for gearing up.
- 1.3 Fit and secure gear which includes conventional harness, or quick hitch harness.

- 1.4 Fit accessories.
- 1.5 Fit the bridle with bit with reins secured prior to attaching sulky.
- 1.6 Attach the sulky.
- 1.7 Identify and report any ill-fitting and unsafe equipment.

## Outcome 2

Carry out post-exercise activities with the horse restrained.

### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Remove gear in a methodical manner.
- 2.2 Provide for horse's wellbeing requirements following exercise and check and report health and any injury.  
  
Range may include but is not limited to – cool down, cover, water.
- 2.3 Release the horse into a designated area.
- 2.4 Disassemble, clean and reassemble gear used for exercise.

<b>Planned review date</b>	31 December 2026
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### Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	15 October 2015	31 December 2023
Revision	2	23 November 2017	31 December 2023
Review	3	25 November 2021	N/A

<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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