

<b>Title</b>	<b>Gear up and drive standardbred horses in trackwork, and attend to horses after trackwork</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to: fit gear to a standardbred horse ensuring comfort for the horse, in preparation for trackwork according to supervisor's instructions; prepare self and horse for driving; drive horse in training as instructed; report on the horse's performance in the workout; attend to post exercise activities; clean, check, and store sulkies; and describe training principles, and alternative training methods that are commonly used to aid training.
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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 includes but is 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 and Regulations, available from Harness Racing New Zealand Inc., <http://www.hrnz.co.nz/hrnz/OfficialDocuments/Rules.pdf>; and any subsequent amendments.
- 2 Definition
 

*Workplace procedures* – the procedures and standards set by the client, raceclub, and/or employing organisation. Workplace procedures should reflect equipment manufacturer's requirements, current legislation, codes and rules.
- 3 For the purposes of assessment:
  - evidence must be presented in accordance with workplace procedures.
  - evidence 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 ensuring comfort for the horse, in preparation for trackwork according to supervisor's instructions.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Fit and secure conventional or quick hitch harness.
- 1.2 Fit accessories to ensure their designated action.
- 1.3 Fit a bridle with bit, and with reins secured.
- 1.4 Attach sulky to the horse.
- 1.5 Fit gear as directed and describe how gear will help correct problems of performance.
- 1.6 Report ill-fitting and unsafe equipment to the supervisor.

### Outcome 2

Prepare self and horse for driving.

#### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Prepare self with protective equipment and clothing.
- 2.2 Carry out final check to gear.
- 2.3 Release horse maintaining control of the horse.

### Outcome 3

Drive horse in training as instructed.

#### Performance criteria

- 3.1 Warm up and work the horse maintaining control, and at a pace, time and distance as specified by the trainer.
- 3.2 Drive the horse according to the rules of the exercise area.
- 3.3 Return the horse to gearing up area following completion of pace work.

### Outcome 4

Report on the horse's performance in the workout.

**Performance criteria**

- 4.1 Provide a verbal report on the horse's performance in the workout, both in terms of physical and mental attitude.

**Outcome 5**

Attend to post exercise activities.

**Performance criteria**

- 5.1 Remove gear methodically.
- 5.2 Clean and store gear.
- 5.3 Wash and cool the horse and replace covers.
- 5.4 Release the horse into an area as instructed by the supervisor or trainer.

**Outcome 6**

Clean, check, and store sulkies.

**Performance criteria**

- 6.1 Clean surfaces of sulkies.
- 6.2 Check working condition of sulkies and reports any problems to the supervisor.
- 6.3 Store sulkies.

**Outcome 7**

Describe training principles, and alternative training methods that are commonly used to aid training.

**Performance criteria**

- 7.1 Describe the principles of training to improve a horse's performance.
- 7.2 Describe alternative training methods commonly used to aid training.
- Range evidence of at least two alternative training methods is required.

<b>Replacement information</b>	This unit standard replaced unit standard 1596 and unit standard 1598.
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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 May 2019	31 December 2023
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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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