

Ride a horse in a balanced position at walk, trot and canter on the flat and over undulating country

Level 3

Credits 4

Purpose People credited with this unit standard are able to: prepare self and horse for riding; demonstrate movements on the flat (in an arena) and over undulating country; and demonstrate knowledge of the use of artificial aids.

Subfield Equine

Domain Equitation

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This AMAP can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Special notes

- 1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, and its subsequent amendments.
- 2 There are specific assessment requirements for people assessing against this unit standard. Please refer to the Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan ref: 0018.
- 3 Rider is attired in gear and clothing which is Equestrian Sports New Zealand (ESNZ) approved and safe for general riding.
- 4 The ESNZ Rulebook, which includes approved gear and clothing, is available from: the Equestrian Sports New Zealand, PO Box 6146, Wellington, Telephone, 04 499 8994.

- 5 The horse used is to a standard (temperament, physical ability, and training) and fitness level that enables the outcome as represented by the title to be met.
- 6 Movements on the flat are to be demonstrated in an arena of minimum size 20 metres by 40 metres.
- 7 Candidates must not contravene the *Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for Welfare of Horses*, (Wellington: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, 1993); or available at <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/animal-welfare/codes/horses/index.htm>.

Elements and performance criteria

Element 1

Prepare self and horse for riding.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Horse is geared up in saddlery suited to and comfortable for individual horse, and which enables control by rider and affords protection to limbs of horse.

Range bridle and bit, saddle and stirrup leather length, martingale, breastplate, leg protection for horse.

Element 2

Demonstrate movements on the flat (in an arena) and over undulating country.

Range walk, trot, canter.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 The three point dressage position is demonstrated on the flat with the rider maintaining contact and control, and the horse accepting the bit.

- 2.2 When riding, balance is demonstrated by use of the mane or neckstrap.

Range walk to trot, trot to canter, canter to trot, trot to walk.

- 2.3 Change of direction and control of pace are achieved by the use of voice, weight, leg, and rein aids.

Range increase pace, decrease pace; change direction left and right, with open and direct rein.

Element 3

Demonstrate knowledge of the use of artificial aids.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Situations when the whip, martingale, and spurs should be used are described in relation to changing direction and controlling pace.

Please note

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Industry Training Organisations must be accredited by NZQA before they can register credits from assessment against unit standards.

Accredited providers and Industry Training Organisations assessing against unit standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards.

Accreditation requirements and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP). The AMAP also includes useful information about special requirements for organisations wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.

Comments on this unit standard

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