

Ride a horse over single cross country obstacles, 70 cm to 80 cm in height

Level 3

Credits 4

Purpose People credited with this unit standard are able to prepare self and horse for cross country riding, and ride over ten cross country obstacles of 70 cm to 80 cm in height and demonstrate cross country pace on the flat without jumping.

Subfield Equine

Domain Equitation

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Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP) reference 0018

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 The ESNZ Rules for Cross Country Riding are available from: the Equestrian Sports New Zealand, PO Box 6146, Wellington, telephone, 04 499 8994.
- 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 cross country riding.

Performance criteria

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

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

Element 2

Ride over ten cross country obstacles of 70 cm to 80 cm in height and demonstrate cross country pace on the flat without jumping.

Range 70 cm to 80 cm in height, ascending spread, ditch, bank, parallel.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Rider is in a balanced, confident, and secure position when jumping.

Range on the flat, up inclines, down inclines, changing direction.
- 2.2 Horse is under control on the desired line throughout the cross country course with the horse in a rhythm, and maintaining a safe pace according to the conditions.

Range terrain, footing, weather conditions, spectators, gateways.
- 2.3 Strong canter on the flat at 370 to 425 metres per minute is demonstrated over a distance of 500 metres with the horse balanced, under control, and moving forward.

Please note

Providers must be accredited by NZQA, or an inter-institutional body with delegated authority for quality assurance, before they can report credits from assessment against unit standards or deliver courses of study leading to that assessment.

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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