

Title	Ride a horse over cross country obstacles and demonstrate cross country pace on the flat without jumping		
Level	3	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: prepare self and horse for cross country riding; ride over cross country obstacles and demonstrate cross country pace on the flat without jumping.
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Classification	Equine > Equitation
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation and code relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
 - Animal Welfare Act 1999;
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
 - Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys.
- 2 Performance of all aspects of this unit standard should comply with the *Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys*, available at www.mpi.govt.nz.
- 3 Rider is attired in gear and clothing which is Equestrian Sports New Zealand (ESNZ) approved and safe for general riding.
- 4 The ESNZ Rules for Cross Country Riding and Rulebook is available from the Equestrian Sports New Zealand website www.nzequestrian.org.nz.
- 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.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Prepare self and horse for cross country riding.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Gear up horse 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.
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Outcome 2

Ride over country obstacles and demonstrate cross country pace on the flat without jumping.

Range ten obstacles 70 cm to 80 cm in height where applicable, which include but are not limited to – ascending spread, ditch, bank, parallel.

Performance criteria

2.1 Ride in a balanced, confident, and secure position when jumping.

2.2 Control horse on the desired line throughout the cross country course with the horse in a rhythm, and maintaining a safe pace according to the conditions and presence of spectators.

Range variations in terrain, footing, weather conditions.

2.3 Demonstrate canter on the flat at 370 to 425 metres per minute over a distance of 500 metres with the horse balanced, under control, and moving forward.

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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	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

Please contact the Primary Industry Training Organisation standards@primaryito.ac.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.