

Build a gymnastics grid that improves the horse's way of going

Level 4

Credits 12

Purpose People credited with this unit standard are able to: plan and design a gymnastics grid; build a gymnastics grid; and assess and adjust a gymnastics grid to improve the horse's way of going.

Subfield Equine

Domain Equitation

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Standard setting body (SSB) Primary Industry Training Organisation

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 The gymnastic grid must have a minimum of three and a maximum of five obstacles.
- 4 Candidates must not contravene the *Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for the Welfare of Horses* (Wellington: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, 1993), available at <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/animal-welfare/codes/horses/index.htm>.

Elements and performance criteria

Element 1

Plan and design a gymnastics grid.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 The grid design is appropriate for the horse's individual stage of training.
- 1.2 The grid design matches distances with paces.
- Range average, short and/or long, trot, bounce, one and two stride.
- 1.3 The grid is designed in a manner which enables the improvement of horse and rider.
- Range balance, approach, stride, takeoff.

Element 2

Build a gymnastics grid.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 The grid is presented with sound materials which encourage a horse to jump.
- Range solid, visible, sound, safe for horse and rider.
- 2.2 Distances between obstacles are related to the horse's stride and allow the horse to jump in rhythm.
- 2.3 The grid uses a combination of trotting poles and grid obstacles which allow the horse to jump in rhythm.

Element 3

Assess and adjust the gymnastics grid to improve the horse's way of going.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 The grid distances are continually assessed to ensure that it improves the horse's way of going.
- 3.2 The grid distances are adjusted as required to improve the horse's way of going.

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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