

Title	Analyse equine movement and enhance performance in specific equestrian disciplines		
Level	5	Credits	6

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: demonstrate knowledge of the principles which affect and determine equine movement and locomotion; analyse conformation in relation to movement for intended activity; and provide a strategy for improving performance.
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Classification	Equine > Equitation
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 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 The term 'breed' refers to Thoroughbred, Standardbred, and sporthorses for their intended uses.
- 3 Candidates must not contravene the Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys, available at www.mpi.govt.nz.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate knowledge of the principles which affect and determine equine movement and locomotion.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 The sequence of footfalls and movements within gaits is described in terms of the activity, and a horse with even strides.
- 1.2 Overall body and leg conformation is described in relation to breed and activity.
- 1.3 The horse's action is described in relation to breed and activity.

Outcome 2

Analyse conformation in relation to movement for intended activity.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Conformation is assessed in relation to the breed.
- 2.2 Conformation faults are identified in terms of limiting intended activity.
- 2.3 The horse's action is assessed in relation to the breed, and faults limiting intended activity are identified.
- Range straightness, knee action, length of stride, stride suspension, overall balance.
- 2.4 Overall suitability of the horse for intended activity is assessed in terms of physical capability.

Outcome 3

Provide a strategy for improving performance.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 The potential for improvement and/or correction is determined in relation to the identified limiting factors.
- 3.2 An integrated programme is designed in relation to correcting and/or improving limiting factors.
- Range training, farrier attention, veterinary attention, manipulation, physiotherapy, natural remedies.
- 3.3 A training strategy is designed and implemented in terms of the designed integrated programme.
- Range poles, exercises to improve suppleness, training technique, auxiliary equipment.

This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.

Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	22 August 1996	31 December 2022
Revision	2	11 June 1998	31 December 2022
Review	3	21 May 1999	31 December 2022
Review	4	22 September 2004	31 December 2022
Review	5	18 July 2008	31 December 2022
Review	6	25 February 2021	31 December 2022

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