

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.

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 The term 'breed' refers to Thoroughbred, Standardbred, and sporthorses for their intended uses.
- 3 Candidates must not contravene the *Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for 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

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.

Element 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.

Element 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.

Please note

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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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