

Ride a horse over a Novice cross country course

Level 4

Credits 6

Purpose People credited with this unit standard are able to: prepare self and horse for jumping a Novice cross country course; ride over Novice cross country fences; and care for the horse after the finish.

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 The relevant ESNZ rulebook, which includes approved gear and clothing, is available from the Equestrian Sports New Zealand, PO Box 6146, Wellington, Telephone 04 499 8994; or available at <http://www.nzequestrian.org.nz>.
- 4 The horse used must be to a standard (temperament, physical ability, and training) and fitness level that enables the outcome as represented by the title to be met.

- 5 Fences are to be approved by the ESNZ Technical Delegate and include the following from an existing cross country course: drop, corners, ditches, water, uphill, bounces, parallels, combinations, and coffins.
- 6 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 jumping a Novice cross country course.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Rider is attired in gear and clothing which is ESNZ approved and safe and appropriate for riding.
- 1.2 Horse is geared up in saddlery suitable to and comfortable for individual horse, and which enables control by rider and affords protection to limbs of horse.

Range bridle and bit, saddle and stirrup leather length, leg protection for horse, breastplate, running or standing martingale.
- 1.3 Course is walked to establish lines and number of strides between obstacles.

Element 2

Ride over Novice cross country fences.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Rider is in a balanced, confident, and strong secure position when jumping, while maintaining even contact with the horse.
- 2.2 Horse is balanced, in a rhythm, and under control on the desired line throughout the course and maintained at a safe pace according to conditions.
- 2.3 An average speed of 520 metres per minute is demonstrated over the entire course, with the horse balanced, under control, and moving forward.
- 2.4 Control of the horse is demonstrated by the rider being able to stop within a specified distance.

Range canter to stop within 40 metres, hand gallop (cross country pace) to stop within 80 metres.

Element 3

Care for the horse after the finish.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Horse is warmed down gradually according to the level of stress and in a manner which does not cause further stress, until breathing returns to normal for the individual horse and the situation.
- 3.2 Horse is cooled down according to weather conditions.
- 3.3 Gear is removed appropriate to stage of recovery to assist recovery, while maintaining control of the horse.
- 3.4 Horse is provided with protection to maintain normal body temperature according to weather conditions and air temperature.
- 3.5 Horse is offered water and feed appropriate to stage of recovery in a manner which does not cause further stress.

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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