

## **Ride a horse over a cross country course of maximum height of 1.2 metres, at CCN or CCI 3 star level**

**Level** 6

**Credits** 8

**Purpose** People credited with this unit standard are able to: prepare horse and self for jumping the course; ride the course according to Equestrian Sports New Zealand (ESNZ) rules; and care for the horse after the finish.

**Subfield** Equine

**Domain** Equitation

**Status** Registered

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**Entry information** Open.

**Accreditation** Evaluation of documentation and visit by NZQA and industry.

**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>.

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### **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 Cross Country National (CCN) and Cross Country International (CCI) 3 star are the national and international standard cross country courses and are of equivalent standard.
- 4 The course to be ridden is approved by the ESNZ Technical Delegate.

- 5 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>.
- 6 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>.

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## Elements and performance criteria

### Element 1

Prepare horse and self for jumping the course.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Rider is attired in ESNZ approved dress which is safe and appropriate for riding conditions.
- 1.2 Horse is geared up in saddlery suited 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, martingale, breastplate, leg protection for horse.
- 1.3 Course is walked to establish lines and number of strides between obstacles.

### Element 2

Ride the course according to ESNZ rules.

#### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Rider is in a balanced, confident, and strong secure position when jumping, while maintaining even contact with the horse.  
  
Range       galloping position, cross country position.
- 2.2 Horse is under control on the desired line throughout the course, with the horse in a rhythm, and maintaining a safe pace according to the conditions.  
  
Range       conditions – terrain, footing, topography, weather conditions, spectators, gateways.
- 2.3 An average speed of 570 metres per minute is demonstrated over the entire course, with the horse balanced, under control, and moving forward.

### **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 without stress to, and while maintaining control of, the horse.
- 3.4 Horse is provided with protection to maintain 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.

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#### **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.

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#### **Comments on this unit standard**

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