

Level 2 Equine Groom Standard

Role Overview

The Equine Groom is a fundamental occupational role in all equine businesses. They can expect to handle and provide exercise for a variety of horses in different working environments. They must adhere to safe working practices, be prepared to work in all weather conditions and often in 'out of hours' situations. They will be required to have dedication, commitment, and the physical and mental toughness to cope with the rigours of the role. Living onsite for part or all of the duration of the apprenticeship may also be necessary.

The occupation requires competent individuals committed to the safety and welfare of horses in their care. They will use their theoretical knowledge and understanding, practical experience and empathy to maintain the horses' physical and psychological well-being within a safe working environment. This is a practical, "hands on" occupation where apprentices will work under supervision individually or as part of a diverse team. The Equine Groom is an integral part in the life of the horse, providing essential day-to-day care. They will be involved with feeding, grooming, cleaning equipment, handling, preparing, exercising the horses and carrying out routine yard duties.

The Equine Groom may also be required to assist with the preparation of, transport to and care for horses at competitions, the races, sales, shows and other public appearances. Dependent on which sector of the industry the Equine Groom has chosen, appropriate people skills will be essential.

Course Content includes:

- Safe Working Practices
- Yard and Field Routines and Management
- Horse Anatomy, Physiology and Welfare
- Horse Handling, Care and Appearance
- Saddlery and Equipment
- Travelling Horses
- Non-Ridden Exercise
- Safe Working/Teamwork/Communication

Occupational Routes

The apprentice will be required to select one of the five specialised routes with additional knowledge and skills, those being:

Breeding/Driving/Racing/Riding/Non-Riding

English and Maths

Apprentices without Level 1 English and Maths will need to achieve this level prior to taking the end-point assessment. For those with an education, health and care plan or a legacy statement the apprenticeships English and Maths minimum requirement is Entry Level 3 and British Sign Language qualifications are an alternative to English qualifications for those whom this is their primary language.

Duration

12-18 months

Venue

The course will be delivered and supported in the workplace and by the training provider.

If functional skills are required these may be delivered in the workplace or with the training provider.

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