



1st4sport Level 3 Award in the Principles of Transporting Horses by Road on Short Journeys

Qualification Specification





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Serving the needs of the sport, physical activity and active leisure industry; our niche status is emphasised through our accomplished people, network of esteemed industry partnerships and our culture of excellence. We have an outstanding reputation; evidenced though the loyalty we receive from our trusted partners, recognised centres and most importantly our learners.

We have a proven track record; offering of valid, value-added, educational solutions and services and outstanding customer care. Our offer includes sector specific qualifications and pathways, and a range of relevant high-performing educational services; underpinned by leading digital solutions. The majority of these are developed and deployed in partnership with governing bodies of sport and other sector specific professional organisations. More than any other awarding organisation, our knowledge of the industry and our continuous cross-sector network enables us to understand the direction of our sector.

Our involvement in shaping our sector has been significant and we continue to be the awarding organisation that partner and representative organisations turn to for guidance on the direction of travel, as appropriate to the needs of our partners, centres, industry employers and learners.

Our Mission: To deliver excellent educational solutions and value-added services to sport, physical activity and the active leisure industry.

Our Direction: We aim to support the ongoing professionalisation of our industry; supporting employment, growth, sustainability and success. We embrace performance, participation and health agendas. Our objective is to continue to support our respected partners, providers and learners.



Qualification Specification

Title:	1st4sport Level 3 Award in the Principles of Transporting Horses by Road on Short Journeys
Qualification Overview:	Gives learners the knowledge, confidence, and skills to transport horses on journeys shorter than 8 hours.
Qualification Code:	L3ATHSQ
Qualification Regulation Number:	601/5037/3
Guided Learning Hours (GLH):	20
Total Qualification Time (TQT):	35
Credit Value (if applicable):	3
Operational Start Date:	22/10/2014
Qualification Review Date:	30/09/2025
Learner Registration Period:	3 years
Qualification Objective:	This qualification qualifies learners to transport horses on journeys over 40 miles but taking less than 8 hours.
Qualification Purpose:	Confirm the ability to meet a 'licence to practise' or other legal requirements made by the relevant sector, professional or industry body.

Who is this qualification for?

This qualification is designed for individuals who already work with horses or are wishing to work with horses and want to gain a qualification to enable them to transport horses on short journeys over 65km (40 miles) but not exceeding 8 hours.

Qualification Progression

Learners could progress onto additional CPD opportunities offered through industry specific organisations.

Successful learners will be able to progress to Attendant / Driver roles for short journeys.

Entry Requirements

Learners must be a minimum of 16 years old at registration and 16 years old at certification.

Pre-requisite(s) or other entry requirements



The recognised centre is required to conduct an initial assessment of learners to ensure that pre-requisites to registration and certification and any barriers that may disadvantage a learner under the Equality Act 2010 are considered and outcomes recorded during the application process.

Prior to registration learners are required to:

- be accurately identified
- be at least 16 years of age
- be able to undertake this assessment in English or Welsh (if available)

Assessment Methods

The assessment methods used in this qualification are:

- Multiple Choice Examination (in 1 of 1 mandatory units)

Reasonable adjustments can be applied to these assessments in line with 1st4sport Policy Statement:Access Arrangments.

Grading Methods

This qualification will be graded Pass / Fail.



Qualification Structure

Learners must successfully complete all mandatory units to achieve this qualification.

Mandatory Units		
Unit ID	Unit Title	GLH
R/601/7849	Principles of transporting horses by road on short journeys	20

Optional Units

There are no optional units in this qualification

Pathway Units (where applicable)

There are no pathway units in this qualification

Unit Title	Principles of transporting horses by road on short journeys
Unit Aim	This unit is designed to be used to support the legislative requirements in relation to competences for the transport of horses (Council Regulation EC No. 1/2005) with specific reference to the knowledge and skills required by attendants or drivers on short journeys.
Unique Unit Number	R/601/7849
Unit Assessment Method(s)	Multiple Choice Examination
Assessment Specification	There are no additional assessment requirements.



Learning Outcome: 1. know the legal requirements and responsibilities covering horse health and welfare during transportation Assessment Criteria **Indicative Delivery Content** The learner can: 1.1 outline the legislation relating to the The legislative requirements of travelling horses: transport of horses The documentation required When authorisation is needed When a journey log or other documentation is required 1.2 state the principles of vehicle operation for How to carry out duties when travelling horses: the transport of horses How to complete the documentation How to maintain records The requirements in relation to animal accommodation Who to approach for advice and guidance 1.3 identify who is responsible for the welfare of the horses and what that responsibility entails 1.4 state the powers of enforcement the restrictions and penalties that apply 1.5 describe the requirements for rest, feed and water and how to maintain horse welfare during transportation 1.6 describe the authorisation and recording requirements for transporters

Learning Outcome: 2. understand horse stress and how to deal with it		
Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content	
2.1 describe the normal behaviour of horses	Horse stress: how stress can be avoided actions to take in order to reduce stress	
2.2 define what stress is in horses, the indicators of stress and ill- health and the impact it may have upon their behaviour		
2.3 identify the causes of stress and how to recognise signs of stress in horses		

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Learning Outcome: 3. know how to effectively plan and implement the transportation of horses		
Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content	
3.1 describe how to plan a journey	Planning a short journey for a horse: The principles of journey planning Legislation relating to driving	
3.2 define the maximum travelling times and required periods of rest		

Learning Outcome: 4. understand safe, efficient and effective vehicle loading, operation and control		
Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content	
4.1 identify a vehicle that is suitable for the transport of horses		
4.2 describe the considerations that should be taken into account when operating and controlling a vehicle transporting horses and loading and unloading the horses		
4.3 state the importance of driving skill in relation to horse safety and welfare		
4.4 describe the importance of cleaning and disinfecting vehicles and when it is necessary to do so	 Methods of loading and unloading horses: Description of appropriate use of aids Understanding of basic rules when handling horses 	
4.5 describe appropriate methods of handling horses during loading and unloading		

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Learning Outcome: 5. understand the welfare requirements for horses before, during and after transportation	
Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
5.1 identify when a horse is unfit	Space allowances: • Identify the importance of headroom and lighting Importance of temperature: • The importance of adjusting ventilation
5.2 state the common indicators of the horse being unfit for transport	
5.3 describe when it is permissible to transport sick/injured horses and how to deal with sick horses during transportation	
5.4 describe the space allowances including headroom for horses during transport and the effects of overcrowding and under stocking	
5.5 identify the effect of and the importance of temperature upon a horse's welfare both inside and outside of the vehicle	
5.6 identify when it may be necessary to seek help during the transport of horses and who to contact	



Qualification Conditions: Delivery and assessment requirements

To complete the delivery, assessment, and internal quality assurance of the qualification, providers will be required to adhere to the guidance set out in the Recognised Centre Handbook.

The recognised centre is required to ensure that the learners who are unsuccessful in any aspect of assessment are offered two opportunities to re-sit or resubmit the appropriate assessment component within their registration period.

Qualification Approval Conditions: Workforce requirements

In addition to the workforce requirements stated in the Recognised Centre Handbook, the following qualification specific requirements must be met and evidenced.

Tutor(s):

For this qualification, the minimum requirements stated in the centre handbook do not apply. Centres must ensure that all workforce meet the requirements stated below.

The recognised centre is required to recruit and deploy a minimum of one BHA-approved tutor who is required to:

- have up-to-date technical and occupational competence in basic horse care eg. working directly with horses
- be deemed more occupationally competent than the learner(s) they tutor

Tutors must attend an induction into the qualification before they can tutor it. It is expected that the recognised centre will provide this training.

Tutors must declare any conflict of interest they may have at a centre to allow this to be appropriately managed.

Assessor(s):

For this qualification, the minimum requirements stated in the centre handbook do not apply. Centres must ensure that all workforce meet the requirements stated below.

The recognised centre is required to recruit and deploy a minimum of one BHA-approved assessor who is required to:

- have up-to-date technical and occupational competence in basic horse care eg. working directly with horses
- be deemed more occupationally competent than the learner(s) they assess

Assessors must attend an induction into the qualification before they can assess it. It is expected that the recognised centre will provide this training.

Assessors must declare any conflict of interest they may have at a centre to allow this to be appropriately managed.

Internal Verifier(s) and Quality Assurer(s):



For this qualification, the minimum requirements stated in the centre handbook do not apply. Centres must ensure that all workforce meet the requirements stated below.

The recognised centre is required to recruit and deploy a minimum of one BHA-approved internal verifier who is required to:

- have up-to-date occupational competence in basic horse care eg. working directly with horses
- be deemed more occupationally competent than the learner(s) they are quality assuring

Internal verifiers must attend an induction into the qualification before they can quality assure it. It is expected that the recognised centre will provide this training.

Additional Qualification Requirements

The minimum venue, facility and requirements stated in the centre handbook apply.

The recognised centre is required to have one or more delivery sites which contain facilities to support the programme of learning and assessment. These must comply with Health and Safety in the Racing and Breeding Industry and have in place appropriate access arrangements. The weather and environment must be conducive to learning; lighting and temperature should be appropriate to the learner needs. The space surrounding assessment areas must be safe and free of obstructions.

The recognised centre is required to have equipment in place to facilitate the full programme of assessment which must comply with The Health and Safety at Work Act (1974) and other directives.

This qualification is regulated by Ofqual (601/5037/3), CCEA and QiW (C00/1300/3 - Regulated).



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