

1st4sport Level 2 Diploma in Work Based Racehorse Care (Specialist Racehorse Care)

Qualification Specification



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Qualification Specification

Title:	1st4sport Level 2 Diploma in Work Based Racehorse Care (Specialist Racehorse Care)
Qualification Overview:	Gives learners the knowledge, confidence, and skills to care for racehorses and carry out general stable management routines under supervision, with a focus on specialist racehorse care.
Qualification Code:	L2DWBRSQ
Qualification Regulation Number:	601/5036/1
Guided Learning Hours (GLH):	369
Total Qualification Time (TQT):	606
Credit Value (if applicable):	61
Operational Start Date:	01/12/2014
Qualification Review Date:	31/10/2025
Learner Registration Period:	2 years
Qualification Objective:	This qualification qualifies learners to care for racehorses, carry out general stable management routines and work as Groom/Stable Staff.
Qualification Purpose:	Confirm competence in an occupational role to the standards required

Who is this qualification for?

This qualification is designed for individuals who seek employment working with racehorses in the racing industry.

Qualification Progression

Learners will also be able to progress onto the:

- 1st4sport Level 3 Diploma in Work Based Racehorse Care and Management (QCF)

Achievement of the 1st4sport Level 2 Diploma in Work Based Racehorse Care (QCF) will help learners to progress to the following job roles:

- Work Rider (if choosing the Riding Pathway)
- Assistant Stud Groom/Stud Hand (if choosing the Breeding Pathway)
- Groom/Stable Staff (if choosing the Specialist Racehorse Care Pathway)

Entry Requirements

Learners must be a minimum of 14 years old at registration and 14 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 14 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:

- Practical Demonstration/Assignment (in 8 of 8 mandatory units)

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

Grading Methods

This qualification will be graded Pass / Fail.

Qualification Structure

Learners must successfully complete all mandatory units and 7 of 10 optional units to achieve this qualification.

Mandatory Units

Unit ID	Unit Title	GLH
Y/600/3483	Clean and maintain stables	15
D/600/3484	Provide feed and water to horses	15
H/600/3485	Carry out routine care and monitor the health and well-being of horses	38
M/600/3490	Clean and groom horses for appearance	23
D/600/3498	Escort racehorses to race meetings	38
H/600/3499	Care for racehorses after racing	30
H/600/3504	Assist with the on-going specialist care of racehorses	30
K/600/3505	Assist with the care of racehorses after strenuous exercise	23

Optional Units

Unit ID	Unit Title	GLH
K/600/3486	Restrain horses using specified methods	15
T/600/3488	Fit and remove horse clothing	15
A/600/3489	Plait and trim horses manes and tails	23
T/600/3491	Assess grazing land for the introduction of horses	15
A/600/3492	Turn out, catch and maintain horses when turned out	23
F/600/3493	Fit, remove and maintain tack for exercise	23
L/600/3495	Lunge a horse under supervision	30
Y/600/3497	Care for horses after exercise	15
K/502/1492	Load and unload animals for transportation	23
R/601/7849	Principles of transporting horses by road on short journeys	20

Pathway Units (where applicable)

There are no pathway units in this qualification

Unit Title	Clean and maintain stables
Unit Aim	This unit is about the daily routine of mucking out, cleaning and maintaining stables. You will need to be able to work with a variety of horses and types of bedding. You will also need to check and maintain ventilation, light, bedding and that conditions are suitable for the individual horse. You will need to be fully aware of the importance of health and safety in connection with this work. You will need to be able to recognise hazards and assess the risks within the workplace.
Unique Unit Number	Y/600/3483
Unit Assessment Method(s)	Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	There are no additional assessment requirements.

Learning Outcome: 1. be able to clean and maintain stables

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
1.1 clean and maintain two different types of bedding within the stable environment	
1.2 provide clean water	
1.3 provide food as instructed	
1.4 check and maintain stable conditions	

Learning Outcome: 2. Be able to select, use and maintain relevant equipment

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
2.1 select and use appropriate equipment for this area of work	
2.2 prepare, maintain and store equipment in a safe and effective working condition	

Learning Outcome: 3. Be able to work safely and minimise environmental damage

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
3.1 work in a way which maintains health and safety and security of horse, self and others during work which is consistent with relevant legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements	
3.2 carry out work in a manner which minimises environmental damage	
3.3 dispose of waste safely and correctly	
3.4 wear appropriate PPE during cleaning	

Learning Outcome: 4. know how to clean and maintain stables

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
4.1 outline the cleaning routines appropriate to different types of horse and stabling	
4.2 describe signs of stress of the horse that may be observed during mucking out	
4.3 state the importance of clean water	
4.4 identify the types of problems which may occur when mucking out and describe how to deal with them	
4.5 describe the different types of bedding that can be used within a stable	
4.6 describe how to check and maintain stable conditions	

Learning Outcome: 5. know the current health and safety legislation and environmental good practice

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
5.1 outline the current health and safety legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements, which apply to this area of work	
5.2 describe how environmental damage can be minimised	
5.3 describe the correct methods for disposing waste	

Learning Outcome: 6. Know the types of equipment required and how to maintain them

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
6.1 describe the equipment and methods of maintaining the range of equipment	

Unit Title	Provide feed and water to horses
Unit Aim	This unit is about the knowledge and skills required to provide feed and water to a variety of horses in stables and fields. It also includes the identification of feed types including roughage and concentrates and how to assess their quality. You will need to be able to prepare rations according to instructions which may be from your supervisor or from a feed board.
Unique Unit Number	D/600/3484
Unit Assessment Method(s)	Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	There are no additional assessment requirements.

Learning Outcome: 1. be able to select, use and maintain equipment to feed and water horses

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
1.1 select and use appropriate equipment for this area of work	
1.2 prepare, maintain and store equipment in a safe and effective working condition throughout	

Learning Outcome: 2. be able to feed and water horses

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
2.1 prepare rations according to instructions to include concentrates and roughage	
2.2 identify feed types and assess quality including roughage and concentrates	
2.3 provide feed and water to horses in the required place according to procedures for both stabled and grazing horses	
2.4 report any changes in the feeding and drinking habits of horses to the appropriate person	

Learning Outcome: 3. Be able to work safely

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
3.1 work in a way which maintains health and safety and security of horse, self and others during work which is consistent with relevant legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements	
3.2 dispose of waste safely and correctly	

Learning Outcome: 4. know how to feed and water horses

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
4.1 describe how to prepare rations	
4.2 state the different procedures between feeding an individual horse to groups of horses	
4.3 describe normal feeding and drinking habits and behaviours of horses	
4.4 state the correct storage and use of feedstuffs	
4.5 describe signs and effects of vermin contamination to feed stocks and state to whom this should be reported	
4.6 List the rules of good feeding and watering practice	
4.7 describe what to do if there are changes in the feeding and drinking behaviour of the horse	
4.8 state the risks during feeding and watering the horses, to self and others and how these can be minimised	

Learning Outcome: 5. Know the types of equipment required and how to maintain them

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
5.1 describe the equipment and methods of using and maintaining the equipment in a fit state for use which will be necessary to feed and water horses	

Learning Outcome: 6. know the current health and safety legislation

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
6.1 outline the current health and safety legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements which apply to this area of work	
6.2 describe the correct methods for disposing of waste	

Unit Title	Carry out routine care and monitor the health and well-being of horses
Unit Aim	This unit is about the knowledge and skills required to carry out routine care and routine monitoring of healthy horses, the recognition of the signs of ill-health and lameness, the nursing of sick horses and routine treatments.
Unique Unit Number	H/600/3485
Unit Assessment Method(s)	Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	There are no additional assessment requirements.

Learning Outcome: 1. be able to carry out routine husbandry and monitor health and well-being of horses

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
1.1 care for horses in a manner which optimises their health and well-being	There is no mandatory content for this criteria
1.2 monitor horses' physical condition and behaviour at regular intervals and report concerns to the appropriate person	There is no mandatory content for this criteria
1.3 carry out routine husbandry and health care, observe and monitor to promote horses health according to instructions	There is no mandatory content for this criteria
1.4 provide clear and accurate information for recording purposes	There is no mandatory content for this criteria

Learning Outcome: 2. be able to work safely

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
2.1 work in a way which maintains health and safety and security of horse, self and others during work which is consistent with relevant legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements	There is no mandatory content for this criteria

Learning Outcome: 3. know how to carry out routine husbandry and monitor the health and well-being of horses

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
3.1 describe how to recognise signs of health and ill-health	There is no mandatory content for this criteria
3.2 describe how to monitor horses physical condition and behaviour at regular intervals and when to report concerns to the appropriate person	There is no mandatory content for this criteria
3.3 describe how to recognise horse health emergencies and when to call supervisor	There is no mandatory content for this criteria
3.4 describe routine measures of worming, vaccination, foot care	There is no mandatory content for this criteria
3.5 describe the basic structure of the foot and leg and describe how to recognise a lame horse	There is no mandatory content for this criteria
3.6 describe how to recognise and treat minor ailments	There is no mandatory content for this criteria

Learning Outcome: 4. know the current health and safety legislation

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
4.1 outline the current health and safety legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements, which apply to this area of work	There is no mandatory content for this criteria

Unit Title	Clean and groom horses for appearance
Unit Aim	This unit is about knowledge and skills required to clean and groom horses for appearance. It also covers recognising when horses hooves need attention. The learner will need to be fully aware of the importance of health and safety in connection with this work.
Unique Unit Number	M/600/3490
Unit Assessment Method(s)	Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	There are no additional assessment requirements.

Learning Outcome: 1. able to clean and groom horses	
Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
1.1 groom horses efficiently and correctly	
1.2 recognise and report when a horse's hooves need attention	
1.3 wash and dry horse according to conditions and requirements	

Learning Outcome: 2. be able to select, use and maintain equipment for cleaning and grooming horses	
Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
2.1 select and use appropriate equipment for grooming and washing according to requirements	
2.2 prepare, maintain and store equipment in a safe and effective working condition	

Learning Outcome: 3. Be able to work safely

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
3.1 work in a way which maintains health and safety and security of horse, self and others during work which is consistent with relevant codes of practice and any additional requirements	

Learning Outcome: 4. know how to clean and groom horses

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
4.1 outline the dangers of a dusty environment for the handler	
4.2 describe the dangers of wearing perfume and jewellery	
4.3 describe the reason why a horse's hooves might need attention	
4.4 explain the principles and reasons for grooming	
4.5 name and describe the correct use of items in the grooming kit	
4.6 describe the procedure for washing and sponging off dirty horses and drying	

Learning Outcome: 5. know the current health and safety legislation

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
5.1 Outline the current health and safety legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements, which apply to this area of work	

Unit Title	Escort racehorses to race meetings
Unit Aim	This unit is about the knowledge and skills to escort racehorses to meetings under any recognised Turf Authority using identity cards and passports. The learner will need to be fully aware of the importance of health and safety in connection with this work.
Unique Unit Number	D/600/3498
Unit Assessment Method(s)	Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	There are no additional assessment requirements.

Learning Outcome: 1. be able to escort racehorses to any Turf Authority race meeting	
Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
1.1 adhere to racecourse entry procedure at all times	There is no mandatory content for this criteria
1.2 prepare the racehorse for the parade ring in accordance with instructions	There is no mandatory content for this criteria
1.3 maintain control of the horse during pre-race routines and in the parade ring	There is no mandatory content for this criteria
1.4 maintain security and the confidentiality of information in accordance with instructions	There is no mandatory content for this criteria

Learning Outcome: 2. be able to work safely

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
2.1 work in a way which maintains health and safety and security of horse, self and others during work which is consistent with relevant legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements	There is no mandatory content for this criteria

Learning Outcome: 3. know how to escort racehorses to race meetings

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
3.1 describe the purpose and use of passports and identity cards	There is no mandatory content for this criteria
3.2 outline the racecourse entry procedures	There is no mandatory content for this criteria
3.3 describe the reactions of horses prior to and after racing	There is no mandatory content for this criteria
3.4 state the reasons for pre-race routines	There is no mandatory content for this criteria
3.5 describe the types of hazards likely to be encountered when handling horses at race meetings	There is no mandatory content for this criteria
3.6 outline the risks to horses, yourself and others and how these can be minimised	There is no mandatory content for this criteria
3.7 explain the reasons why security and confidentiality must be maintained	There is no mandatory content for this criteria

Learning Outcome: 4. know relevant health and safety legislation and environmental good practice

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
4.1 outline the current health and safety legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements	There is no mandatory content for this criteria

Unit Title	Care for racehorses after racing
Unit Aim	This unit is about with the knowledge and skills to care for racehorses after they have raced. The learner will need to be fully aware of the importance of health and safety in connection with this work.
Unique Unit Number	H/600/3499
Unit Assessment Method(s)	Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	There are no additional assessment requirements.

Learning Outcome: 1. be able to care for racehorses after they have raced at any recognised Turf Authority meeting

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
1.1 establish control of the horse after the race	There is no mandatory content for this criteria
1.2 escort the horse to the appropriate location according to instructions	There is no mandatory content for this criteria
1.3 promote the health and condition of the horse after the race	There is no mandatory content for this criteria
1.4 identify any health and welfare concerns and report them to the appropriate person	There is no mandatory content for this criteria
1.5 identify appropriate racecourse personnel for specialist assistance	There is no mandatory content for this criteria

Learning Outcome: 2. be able to work safely

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
2.1 work in a way which maintains health and safety and security of horse, self and others during work which is consistent with relevant legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements	There is no mandatory content for this criteria

Learning Outcome: 3. know how to care for racehorses after they have raced at any recognised Turf Authority meeting

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
3.1 describe the health and welfare concerns associated with racing and the actions to be taken	There is no mandatory content for this criteria
3.2 describe the hazards likely to be encountered when controlling horses after racing	There is no mandatory content for this criteria
3.3 explain the post-race procedures which should be followed including escorting to winners enclosure and veterinary box	There is no mandatory content for this criteria
3.4 outline dope testing procedures	There is no mandatory content for this criteria
3.5 describe how to provide water after racing according to instructions	There is no mandatory content for this criteria
3.6 outline the health problems which may occur after racing	There is no mandatory content for this criteria
3.7 describe risks to horses, yourself and others and how these can be minimised	There is no mandatory content for this criteria
3.8 identify and describe the role of farrier, vet and racecourse officials and when you may need their assistance	There is no mandatory content for this criteria

Learning Outcome: 4. know relevant health and safety legislation and environmental good practice

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
4.1 outline the current health and safety legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements	There is no mandatory content for this criteria

Unit Title	Assist with the on-going specialist care of racehorses
Unit Aim	This unit is about the knowledge and skills required to assist with the ongoing specialist care of racehorses. The unit covers assisting with healthcare and ensuring yard facilities are maintained in a serviceable condition.
Unique Unit Number	H/600/3504
Unit Assessment Method(s)	Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	There are no additional assessment requirements.

Learning Outcome: 1. be able to assist with the on-going specialist care of racehorses	
Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
1.1 implement non-riding exercise routines according to instructions	Exercise routines to include: • In hand • Horse walker
1.2 assist equine health care professionals according to instructions	Health professionals to include two of the following: • Vet • Farrier • Dentist • Physiotherapist
1.3 assist with the administration of specialist health care according to instructions	
1.4 work in a way which promotes the health and welfare of the horse	
1.5 maintain accurate stable records for individual horses according to instructions	Record keeping to include: • Health • Treatments • Shoeing • Exercise records
1.6 check and ensure that yard facilities are maintained in a serviceable condition and in accordance with instructions	Facilities to include two of the following: • Tack room • Feed room • Yards • Surfaces • Muckheap

Learning Outcome: 2. be able to work safely

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
2.1 work in a way which maintains health and safety and security of horse, self and others during work which is consistent with relevant legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements	

Learning Outcome: 3. know how to assist with on-going specialist care of the racehorse

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
3.1 describe suitable non-riding exercise routines	
3.2 explain the types of specialist equine health care and the procedures for assisting equine health care professionals	
3.3 identify and describe the types of records required and explain the importance of accurate record keeping	
3.4 explain the procedures for checking and maintaining the facilities in use and the need for them to be in a serviceable condition	

Learning Outcome: 4. know relevant health and safety legislation and environmental good practice

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
4.1 outline the current health and safety legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements	
4.2 describe the risks to horses, yourself and others during the provision of specialist care to racehorses, and explain how these can be minimised	

Unit Title	Assist with the care of racehorses after strenuous exercise
Unit Aim	This unit is about with the knowledge and skills required to assist with the care of the racehorse after strenuous exercise. It involves caring for the horse after fast work according to the needs of the individual horse, the weather conditions and the time of the year.
Unique Unit Number	K/600/3505
Unit Assessment Method(s)	Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	Evidence for assessment must take place in realistic working conditions

Learning Outcome: 1. be able to assist with the care of racehorses after strenuous exercise

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
1.1 remove tack and equipment, maintaining the safety and the comfort of the horse throughout	
1.2 wash, cool and dry the horse correctly according to instructions and the weather conditions	Washing to include: • Sponge down • Full wash • Hose • Sweat scrape Washing to include: • Sponge down • Full wash • Hose • Sweat scrape Cooling and drying to include two of the following methods: • Walking off • Towelling • Heat lamps
1.3 care for both a hot sweaty horse immediately after exercise and a cold wet horse on return from exercise	
1.4 apply appropriate clothing and equipment to the horse	
1.5 check the horse's legs and feet on return from strenuous exercise and report problems to appropriate person	
1.6 assess and monitor the health and welfare of the horse following strenuous exercise and report problems to the appropriate person	
1.7 treat health problems according to instructions	
1.8 provide the horse with food and water according to instructions	

Learning Outcome: 2. be able to work safely

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
2.1 work in a way which maintains health and safety and security of horse, self and others during work which is consistent with relevant legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements	

Learning Outcome: 3. be able to select, use and maintain relevant equipment

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
3.1 select and use appropriate equipment for the work	
3.2 prepare, maintain and store equipment in a safe and effective working condition	

Learning Outcome: 4. know how to assist with the care of racehorses after strenuous exercise

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
4.1 describe the signs of tiredness and overstress following work	
4.2 list the feed and water requirements following strenuous exercise	
4.3 explain how the care requirements of the horse vary depending on duration and intensity of the exercise and weather conditions	
4.4 explain how to remove tack and equipment from a horse returning from strenuous exercise	
4.5 describe the clothing and equipment which might be applied to the horse following strenuous exercise	
4.6 summarise why it is important to check the horse's legs and feet on return from strenuous exercise	
4.7 describe how to recognise and report health problems and explain the importance of on- going monitoring of the horse following strenuous exercise	

Learning Outcome: 5. know relevant health and safety legislation

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
5.1 outline the current health and safety legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements	

Unit Title	Restrain horses using specified methods
Unit Aim	This unit is about the knowledge and skills required for restraining horses using specified methods. The unit covers maintaining control throughout, communicating effectively with others and seeking assistance should any difficulties occur.
Unique Unit Number	K/600/3486
Unit Assessment Method(s)	Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	There are no additional assessment requirements.

Learning Outcome: 1. be able to restrain horses using specified methods	
Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
1.1 select and wear suitable protective clothing for the work	
1.2 restrain the horse according to instructions	
1.3 work in a quiet, calm and confident manner while restraining the horse	
1.4 maintain control of the horse throughout the process	
1.5 release the horse from restraint safely as instructed	
1.6 communicate effectively with those working with the horse during restraint and seek the assistance without delay should any difficulties arise	

Learning Outcome: 2. be able to select, use and maintain equipment for restraining horses using specified methods

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
2.1 identify, select and use appropriate equipment according to instructions	
2.2 prepare, maintain and store equipment correctly	

Learning Outcome: 3. Be able to work safely

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
3.1 work in a way which maintains health and safety and security of horse, self and others during work which is consistent with relevant codes of practice and any appropriate guidance	

Learning Outcome: 4. know how to restrain horses using specified methods

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
4.1 explain the reasons for restraining horses, the methods of restraint and when to use them	
4.2 specify the protective clothing which may be required and why this should be worn	
4.3 describe how to recognise if the horse is becoming stressed during restraint and when to seek assistance	
4.4 state the importance of communicating with the person working with the horse while it is being restrained	

Learning Outcome: 5. know the current health and safety legislation

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
5.1 outline the current health and safety legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements, which apply to this area of work	

Unit Title	Fit and remove horse clothing
Unit Aim	This unit is about putting on and removing stable/protective and tail bandages. It also involves putting on, fitting and removal of rugs. The learner will need to be fully aware of the importance of health and safety in connection with this work. The learner will need to be able to recognise hazards and assess risks within the workplace.
Unique Unit Number	T/600/3488
Unit Assessment Method(s)	Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	There are no additional assessment requirements.

Learning Outcome: 1. be able to fit and remove horse clothing

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
1.1 select and apply stable/protective bandages with protective padding as required maintaining safety and security of self and horse throughout	
1.2 select and apply tail bandage	
1.3 check comfort and safety of bandages to ensure they are fit for purpose	
1.4 remove, roll and store bandages, as appropriate	
1.5 select and fit suitable rugs according to instructions	
1.6 remove, fold and store rugs according to organisational requirements	

Learning Outcome: 2. Be able to work safely

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
2.1 work in a way which maintains health and safety and security of horse, self and others during work which is consistent with codes of practice and any additional requirements	

Learning Outcome: 3. know how to fit and remove horse clothing

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
3.1 explain the reasons for applying stable/protective/tail bandages	
3.2 describe the dangers of unsafe bandaging	
3.3 describe a range of different types of rugs and their applications	
3.4 describe the principles of fitting and measuring rugs	
3.5 explain the effects of ill-fitting rugs	
3.6 explain the importance of cleaning and storing rugs and bandages in good condition	

Learning Outcome: 4. know the current health and safety legislation

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
4.1 outline the current health and safety legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements, which apply to this area of work	

Unit Title	Plait and trim horses manes and tails
Unit Aim	This unit is about the knowledge and skills to plait the mane and trim the horse as appropriate. Plaits must be produced which are suitable for a public appearance.
Unique Unit Number	A/600/3489
Unit Assessment Method(s)	Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	There are no additional assessment requirements.

Learning Outcome: 1. be able to plait and trim horses

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
1.1 prepare and control horse prior to plaiting and trimming	
1.2 prepare and plait the mane according to instructions	
1.3 carry out trimming according to instructions	

Learning Outcome: 2. Be able to work safely

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
2.1 work in a way which maintains health and safety and security of horse, self and others during work which is consistent with relevant codes of practice and any additional requirements	

Learning Outcome: 3. be able to select, use and maintain relevant equipment for plaiting and trimming

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
3.1 select and use appropriate equipment for plaiting and trimming according to relevant legislation and manufacturer's instructions	
3.2 prepare, maintain and store equipment in a safe and effective working condition	

Learning Outcome: 4. know how to plait and trim horses

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
4.1 explain how and when a horse might be plaited	
4.2 state when trimming is required	
4.3 describe how to control a horse when plaiting or trimming	
4.4 describe how to carry out trimming	

Learning Outcome: 5. know the current health and safety legislation

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
5.1 outline the current health and safety legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements, which apply to this area of work	

Learning Outcome: 6. Know the types of equipment required and how to maintain them

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
6.1 describe the equipment required for plaiting and trimming and how to maintain it	

Unit Title	Assess grazing land for the introduction of horses
Unit Aim	This unit is about the knowledge and skills to assess grazing land ready for the introduction of horses. This unit involves checking land for its suitability for grazing by horses. This includes recognising and removing hazards, providing a suitable supply of water, checking boundaries and the quality of the grazing.
Unique Unit Number	T/600/3491
Unit Assessment Method(s)	Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	There are no additional assessment requirements.

Learning Outcome: 1. be able to assess grazing land for the introduction of horses

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
1.1 make a basic assessment of the quantity and quality of grazing to ensure it is appropriate for the intended purpose	
1.2 check for and identify presence of poisonous plants and weeds and any hazards	
1.3 check that the boundaries are safe and secure	
1.4 ensure a supply of clean water is available	
1.5 report the condition of the grazing land to the appropriate person	

Learning Outcome: 2. Be able to work safely

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
2.1 work in a way which maintains health and safety and security of horse, self and others during work which is consistent with relevant legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements	

Learning Outcome: 3. know how to assess grazing land for the introduction of horses

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
3.1 describe the differences between good and poor grazing	
3.2 describe different methods for providing water for grazing horses	
3.3 state the importance of clean grazing in preventing parasitic infections	
3.4 identify common types of poisonous plants and weeds	
3.5 describe the suitability of different types of fencing for horses	
3.6 describe the ideal location of a gate and appropriate measures for securing gates	

Learning Outcome: 4. know the current health and safety legislation and environmental good practice

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
4.1 outline the current health and safety legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements, which apply to this area of work	

Unit Title	Turn out, catch and maintain horses when turned out
Unit Aim	This unit is about knowledge and skills required to turn out, catch and maintain horses when turned out. It includes the routine checking of the horse and the land and catching and bringing in horses as required.
Unique Unit Number	A/600/3492
Unit Assessment Method(s)	Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	There are no additional assessment requirements.

Learning Outcome: 1. be able to prepare to turn horses out	
Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
1.1 check the land, boundaries and any shelter are suitable and secure	
1.2 check that an adequate supply of clean water is available	
1.3 identify the horse to be turned out as instructed	
1.4 select and fit equipment necessary and lead horse to the land appropriately	

Learning Outcome: 2. be able to maintain horses when turned out

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
2.1 release the horse into turn out area as instructed	
2.2 take the appropriate action to resolve any problems as necessary	
2.3 check the behaviour and condition of horses regularly	

Learning Outcome: 3. be able to catch up horses

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
3.1 catch and bring in horses as instructed	

Learning Outcome: 4. Be able to work safely

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
4.1 Work in a way which maintains health and safety and security of horse, self and others during work which is consistent with relevant legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements	

Learning Outcome: 5. know how to maintain horses when turned out

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
5.1 describe the process for turning out horses in to regular and new turn out areas	
5.2 state how often to check the horse, area and water and how this varies depending on the time of year and weather	
5.3 identify the types of records required and explain the importance of accurate record keeping	
5.4 describe how to introduce a new horse into an established group	
5.5 outline the group behaviour of horses	
5.6 state how to make sure the land boundaries and any shelters are suitable and secure	

Learning Outcome: 6. know the current health and safety legislation

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
6.1 outline the current health and safety legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements, which apply to this area of work	

Unit Title	Fit, remove and maintain tack for exercise
Unit Aim	This unit is about the knowledge and skills to tack up and untack horses for exercise. The learner will need to be fully aware of the importance of health and safety in connection with this work and will need to be able to recognise hazards and assess risks.
Unique Unit Number	F/600/3493
Unit Assessment Method(s)	Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	There are no additional assessment requirements.

Learning Outcome: 1. be able to fit and remove tack for exercise	
Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
1.1 prepare and control the horse in preparation for tacking up	
1.2 fit suitable tack for exercise	
1.3 fit suitable boots for exercise	
1.4 remove equipment after exercise and store tack safely and correctly	

Learning Outcome: 2. Be able to work safely

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
2.1 work in a way which maintains health and safety and security of horse, self and others during work which is consistent with relevant legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements	

Learning Outcome: 3. be able to select, use and maintain tack

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
3.1 select and check tack for safety and suitability for the specified work	
3.2 clean, maintain and store tack in a safe and effective working condition	

Learning Outcome: 4. know how to fit tack and remove for exercise

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
4.1 state the reasons for checking tack for comfort and safety	
4.2 identify a range of tack in common use and how to fit	
4.3 describe the problems which may occur when tacking up or untacking	
4.4 describe how to recognise ill-fitting tack and the appropriate action to take	
4.5 describe the procedure for untacking a horse safely and securely and the purpose of checking condition of horse after untacking	
4.6 describe the reasons for checking, cleaning, maintaining and storing tack and the actions to take if tack is found to be unsafe	

Learning Outcome: 5. know relevant health and safety legislation

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
5.1 outline the current health and safety legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements	

Unit Title	Lunge a horse under supervision
Unit Aim	This unit is about the knowledge and skills for lunging a horse under supervision. It includes checking and fitting suitable tack and the conditions which may affect the process. The learner will need to be fully aware of the importance of health and safety in connection with this work, and will need to be able to recognise hazards and assess risks.
Unique Unit Number	L/600/3495
Unit Assessment Method(s)	Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	There are no additional assessment requirements.

Learning Outcome: 1. be able to lunge a horse

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
1.1 check that the lunge area is suitable for the exercise	
1.2 wear the appropriate protective clothing	
1.3 select, check and fit suitable lunge tack and equipment according to instructions	
1.4 maintain control of the horse at all times appropriate to the conditions	
1.5 lunge the horse according to instructions	
1.6 remove tack and maintain security and safety of horse throughout	

Learning Outcome: 2. Be able to work safely

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
2.1 work in a way which maintains health and safety and is consistent with current codes of practice and any additional requirements	

Learning Outcome: 3. know how to lunge a horse

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
3.1 state the reasons why lunging can be substituted for ridden exercise	
3.2 describe procedures associated with lunging horses	
3.3 list types of equipment and protective clothing, their purpose and use	
3.4 describe the ways in which conditions, such as; weather, surface and other horses affect the process	
3.5 explain the lunging process and how to recognise and deal with problems	

Learning Outcome: 4. know the current health and safety legislation

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
4.1 outline the current health and safety legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements, which apply to this area of work	

Unit Title	Care for horses after exercise
Unit Aim	This unit is about the knowledge and skills to provide care for horses after they have exercised. The learner will provide appropriate care suited to the condition of the horse and ensuring the comfort and safety of the horse.
Unique Unit Number	Y/600/3497
Unit Assessment Method(s)	Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	There are no additional assessment requirements.

Learning Outcome: 1. be able to care for horses after exercise	
Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
1.1 provide care which is appropriate to the condition of the horse after exercise	
1.2 report any problems relating to the health and condition of the horse to the appropriate person	
1.3 return the horse to stabling or field ensuring comfort and safety	
1.4 provide food and water according to instructions	
1.5 clean and groom the horse according to instructions	

Learning Outcome: 2. Be able to work safely

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
2.1 work in a way which maintains health and safety and security of horse, self and others during work which is consistent with relevant codes of practice and any additional requirements	

Learning Outcome: 3. know how to care for horses after they have exercised

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
3.1 describe the signs of tiredness and stress following exercise	
3.2 state the feed and water requirements following exercise	
3.3 describe how the needs of the horse will vary depending on duration, intensity of the exercise and time of year	
3.4 describe the grooming and cleaning requirements of horses following work	
3.5 describe the appropriate care to be provided to horses after exercise	

Learning Outcome: 4. know the relevant health and safety legislation

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
4.1 outline the current health and safety legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements	

Unit Title	Load and unload animals for transportation
Unit Aim	This unit is about with the knowledge and skills needed to load and unload horses for transportation. It includes preparation of the transportation equipment, health and safety, legislation, maintaining the welfare of the horse throughout the process and effective communication.
Unique Unit Number	K/502/1492
Unit Assessment Method(s)	Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	There are no additional assessment requirements.

Learning Outcome: 1. be able to prepare animals and transport

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
1.1 communicate effectively with colleagues	
1.2 prepare the correct animals as instructed	
1.3 prepare and make safe the appropriate transportation equipment	

Learning Outcome: 2. be able to load and unload animals for transportation

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
2.1 load and unload the animals as required	

Learning Outcome: 3. Be able to work safely

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
3.1 work in a way which maintains health and safety, animal welfare and is consistent with relevant legislation, codes of practice and any additional requirements	

Learning Outcome: 4. know how to prepare animals and transport

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
4.1 outline how to communicate effectively with colleagues	
4.2 outline how to make the transportation method ready for animals including: cleanliness, health and safety, security and removal of hazards	

Learning Outcome: 5. know how to load and unload animals for transport

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
5.1 describe how to prepare, load and unload animals safely and effectively minimising stress to the animals	
5.2 describe how to approach, handle and restrain animals correctly minimising stress	
5.3 state the types of problems which should be reported, when and to whom	

Learning Outcome: 6. know the relevant legislation and codes of practice

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
6.1 summarise the relevant legislation and codes of practice relating to health and safety and maintaining the welfare of animals	

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 The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
1.1 outline the legislation relating to the transport of horses	The legislative requirements of travelling 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 the transport of horses	How to carry out duties when travelling 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	

Learning Outcome: 3. know how to effectively plan and implement the transportation of horses

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
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	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	

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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the importance of headroom and lighting Importance of temperature: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

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.

In addition further qualification specific requirements are: 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. All training and/or assessment sites must include the following facilities:

- A practical space to be used for learning and assessment activities
- A theory space which may include a classroom. This must contain multimedia facilities such as data projector and laptop, flip chart and pens.

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.

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