



1st4sport Level 3 Certificate in Equestrian Coaching (Carriage Driving)

Qualification Specification





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Qualification Specification

Title:	1st4sport Level 3 Certificate in Equestrian Coaching (Carriage Driving)
Qualification Overview:	Gives learners the knowledge and skills to deliver annual equestrian coaching programmes with a focus on carriage driving.
Qualification Code:	L3CECRCD
Qualification Regulation Number:	603/2443/0
Guided Learning Hours (GLH):	150
Total Qualification Time (TQT):	188
Credit Value (if applicable):	Not applicable
Operational Start Date:	01/10/2017
Qualification Review Date:	31/05/2025
Learner Registration Period:	3 years
Qualification Objective:	This qualification qualifies learners to become an equestrian coach in carriage driving.
Qualification Purpose:	Prepare for employment in a specific occupational area.

Who is this qualification for?

The qualification is designed for those who wish to become involved in equestrian as a head/programme coach, and to have responsibility for the ongoing development of participants. It is a qualification for those coaches who have already completed the Level 2 Certificate in Equestrian Coaching, or equivalent. It is directed at learners who have an interest in equestrian coaching.

Qualification Progression

Learners could progress on to a higher level coaching qualification. The skills and knowledge developed through this qualification may also be used to progress to other industry-relevant qualifications in equestrian coaching, sports coaching, activity leadership, supporting PE in school sport or sports development.

This qualification may lead to paid or voluntary roles in equestrian coaching, either working independently or as part of a coaching team.



Entry Requirements

Learners must be a minimum of 21 years old at registration and 21 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 21 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:

- Coursework (in 6 of 6 mandatory units),
- Practical Demonstration/Assignment (in 6 of 6 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
M/616/4762	The role of the equestrian programme coach	12
F/616/4765	The role of skill development in equestrian coaching programmes	9
L/616/4767	Plan an equestrian coaching programme	9
Y/616/4769	Deliver an equestrian coaching programme	15
R/616/4771	Review an equestrian coaching programme	15
K/616/8597	Technical coaching requirements for carriage driving	8

Optional Units

There are no optional units in this qualification

Pathway Units (where applicable)

There are no pathway units in this qualification

Unit Title	The role of the equestrian programme coach
Unit Aim	This unit assesses a programme coach's understanding of their role and responsibilities and the roles of others, ensuring that their coaching is safe and inclusive.
Unique Unit Number	M/616/4762
Unit Assessment Method(s)	- Coursework - Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	Learners are required to complete a series of assessed tasks within their learner portfolio. These are set by 1st4sport and assessed by their assessor.



Learning Outcome: 1. understand the role of the equestrian programme coach	
Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
1.1 explain the role	 The role of the lead/head coach in the implementation and management of the equestrian coaching programme and sessions, strategies to manage others in the equestrian coaching environment how to promote, and coach within the boundaries of, equestrian code(s) of practice that impact on the coach and others how to promote the ethos of the participant-centred approach how to produce a coaching philosophy the importance of being a positive role model for participants and others the importance of operating within own level of competence and experience the importance of continued professional development for self and others

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
2.1 describe the responsibilities related to rules and regulations	The overarching legal and equine sport specific responsibilities of the role the impact of organisational procedures on coaching practice the rules and regulations of equestrian sport to enable the delivery of coaching programmes the role of officials in equestrian sport and the positive promotion of these
2.2 describe responsibilities related to duty of care	 What constitutes acceptable relationships as a coach the guidelines for safeguarding and protecting the following participant groups, adherence to these and maintaining confidentiality: young people and children, including signs and symptoms of abuse adults at risk participants who share protected characteristics the importance of maintaining the confidentiality of participants' personal details how to utilise others to support participant development and welfare when to seek specialist advice from a competent person or agency on participants' needs and potential that cannot be med

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2.3 describe responsibilities related to safe coaching practice	Health and safety management, knowing how to: - prepare the environment - conduct a risk assessment - minimise risk - put contingency plans in place • emergency procedures; knowing how to follow: correct procedures for dealing with accidents, emergencies and incidents correct procedures for reporting issues • facility normal operating procedures (NOPs) and emergency operating procedures (EOPs) • management of others to ensure safety is maintained
2.4 describe responsibilities related to inclusive coaching practice	 How to ensure equestrian coaching practice is equitable inclusive delivery of equestrian coaching programmes and activities and where to gain information on this assessing individual participants' needs to ensure coaching is inclusive (disability/impairment) how to recognise and address possible barriers to participant development; when to make reasonable adaptations to programme design, delivery methods and coaching styles how to communicate with a variety of participant types: disabled and non-disabled people children/youth/adults those who share protected characteristics recognising that different participants learn in different ways how different backgrounds and stages of participant development can impact on age skill development emotional development
2.5 analyse the benefits of using others to support coaching programmes	 the breadth of roles in support of coaching, how to ensure positive relationships with, and the promotion of: equine sports officials assistant coach physiotherapist nutritionist psychologist strength and conditioning specialist physician parents club officials administrators grounds staff facility staff how to share and agree roles and responsibilities of participants and others



Learning Outcome: 3. understand how to support participants' lifestyle through equestrian coaching programmes.	
Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
3.1 identify factors contributing to participants' lifestyle	The role of the equestrian coach in encouraging the pursuit of a healthy lifestyle • the lifestyle issues that may affect programme participants
3.2 describe methods of maintaining the wellbeing of participants and others	 How to encourage effective time management, supporting participants to plan and prioritise their own work and study commitments (eg training, competition, employment and academic studies) the impact of participation in developing participants socially through improved confidence and self-esteem the need for participants' to achieve a work-life balance
3.3 explain the role of the coach in injury prevention and management	 How to work with others to prevent injury how to support participants in recovering from injury, possibly with the support of others
3.4 explain the overarching principles of nutrition and hydration related to sports performance	 Understand the principles of good nutrition as it relates to equestrian sport performance understand how best to achieve optimum nutrition and hydration levels before, during and after training and competition
3.5 describe the principles of the use of drugs and supplements in sport, and medical considerations	 How to access information and prohibiting and understanding and other the ethical issues surrounding drug taking in equestrian sport how to identify and access sources of information on, including the consequences within equestrian sport, of taking: prescription medicines supplements performance-enhancing drugs illegal substances

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Unit Title	The role of skill development in equestrian coaching programmes
Unit Aim	This unit assesses a programme coach's understanding of the impact of skill development on programme design for an annual, or periodised, coaching programme.
Unique Unit Number	F/616/4765
Unit Assessment Method(s)	- Coursework - Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	Learners are required to complete a series of assessed tasks within their learner portfolio. These are set by 1st4sport and assessed by their assessor.

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
1.1 explain the fundamentals that underpin the technical, tactical and physical requirements of equestrian sport	
1.2 outline the physical capabilities required for equestrian sport	 The physical capabilities required for equestrian sport the skill-related aspects of equestrian sport in relation to physical fitness the concepts of physical conditioning, its role in training and how to apply them to participants, including: aerobic endurance muscular endurance speed flexibility agility strength power balance and coordination core stability functional strength

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Learning Outcome: 2. Understand the mental requirements of equestrian sport	
Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
2.1 describe the mental skills required in equestrian sport	The mental skills required for successful performance in equestrian sport including: confidence - mental toughness, self-confidence, belief concentration - ability to maintain focus, intentional control motivation - intention and desire to be effective/succeed emotional control - ability to maintain emotional control regardless of distraction cohesion - commitment/ability to continue working to agreed goals - growth mindset - self-motivated learner psychosocial characteristics of developing excellence (PCDE) skills - resilience the different stages of cognitive, emotional and social development
2.2 illustrate how a coach can contribute to the development of participants' mental skills	How to develop participants' mental skills in equestrian sport including: confidence – mental toughness, self-confidence, belief concentration – ability to maintain focus, intentional control motivation – intention and desire to be effective/succeed emotional control – ability to maintain emotional control regardless of distraction cohesion – commitment/ability to continue working to agreed goals growth mindset – self-motivated learner psychosocial characteristics of developing excellence (PCDE) skills resilience



Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
3.1 illustrate the key factors of skill development	The concepts of: skill coordination motor skill learning skill acquisition skill retention skill transfer
3.2 lustrate the principal methodologies of skill development	The delivery style - pedagogy vs andragogy the range skill development delivery methods: whole practice part instruction whole-part-whole instruction shaping chaining the range of skill development coaching activities: drills based scenario based small sided games adapted games (rule changes/restrictions) full games differentiation (adaptations and progressions) the range of coaching methods for skill development: facilitation instruction demonstration question and answer
3.3 critically analyse how coaching behaviours impact on participant skill development	 How participants' learning preferences and the use of coaching style impact on skill development how different backgrounds and stages of participant development can impact on skill development



Unit Title	Plan an equestrian coaching programme
Unit Aim	This unit assesses a coach's ability to plan an annual, or periodised, equestrian coaching programme to meet the needs of riders. The coaching programme will cover a prolonged period of time such as a year or a season and will develop riders' performance within equestrian sport.
Unique Unit Number	L/616/4767
Unit Assessment Method(s)	- Coursework - Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	Learners are required to: (i) profile the performance of a minimum of one rider (ii) design and plan a comprehensive equestrian coaching programme for a minimum of one rider, which should be based on the outcome of the performance profile. (iii) produce a detailed plan of an equestrian coaching programme (macrocycle) and discrete cycle or phase (mesocycle and microcycles – minimum 8 weeks in total) associated with an aspect of the equestrian coaching programme (iv) produce a minimum specified number of coaching session plans within the discrete cycle or phase (minimum 8 sessions) associated with an aspect of the equestrian coaching programme (v) produce an evaluation schedule for the equestrian coaching programme.



Learning Outcome. 1. Understand the proce	ess of planning equestrian coaching programmes.
Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
1.1 explain the strategic overview of the coaching programme.	 Identify and define the overall aims of the equestrian coaching programme measure the outcomes of the equestrian coaching programme
1.2 explain the units and phases of a coaching programme	 Identify the units of a coaching programme (periodisation): macrocycle mesocycle microcyle describe the different phases within a coaching programme (periodisation): preparation phase (general and specific) competition phase transition phase (active rest) incorporate the principles and processes, in the context of equestrian sport, involved in planning a coaching programme
1.3 explain the factors to consider when developing a coaching programme	 Identify the demands of equestrian sport to inform the programme design identify and analyse evidence and sources of information that need to be collated to design the coaching programme plan the focus and priority of each phase of the coaching programme identify appropriate recovery activities and strategies within seasonal, weekly training cycles and annual coaching programmes integrate all training, competition/recreational and recovery activities effectively to ensure optimal training and performance programmes integrate skill acquisition effectively into the rest of the programme (ie constraint-led coaching)

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Learning Outcome: 2. analyse participants' performance and stage of development to set equestrian coaching programme goals.	
Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
2.1 identify participants' stages of development and how this will determine the coaching programme	 Explain how the equestrian coaching programme, session content and coaching environment is influenced by: participants' age participants' stage of development participants' physical readiness to participate competition
2.2 justify specific physical testing protocols and recording methods for the coaching programme	 Assess the risks involved in testing monitor and refine the analysis at regular intervals throughout the coaching programme types of analysis, recording methodology and technology used
2.3 perform physical tests to establish current performance levels	 Analyse participants' current and desired levels of performance, including technical and tactical ability and physical conditioning integrate performance analysis effectively into the programme manage the risks involved in testing
2.4 review methods and sources of information available to design a coaching programme	Evaluate valid sources of information to take forward to the programme planning stage

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
3.1 identify the overall aims of the coaching programme	 Identify the technical and tactical requirements of equestrian sport categorise: participant types participant aims and aspirations review analysis of participants': level of development actual and potential performance levels level of motivation and explain the importance of these when planning a coaching programme design and initially agree coaching programme aims for, and with, participants to include: physical skill development mental skill development technical and tactical skill development set out and agree coaching programme goals with participant and others

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3.2 identify the focus and priority of each stage of the coaching programme	 Plan the programme in relation to: recreation competition training cycles level of participation (recreational, competitive league etc) design and agree the goals for the (periodisation) cycles of the programme for participants explain to others their roles and responsibilities
3.3 plan the coaching programme to meet participants' needs	 Select and plan equestrian coaching activities and resources that facilitate the achievement of coaching programme goals and enhance participant development: skill acquisition physical conditioning mental skills explain methods of enhancing and maintaining performance prepare participants for competition justify and apply the units of physical conditioning in the programme
3.4 plan the resources required for the coaching programme	 Ensure the required resources and facilities are available to participants and others involved in the programme and in line with good practice in equestrian sport assess and manage the risks involved
3.5 justify how and when to evaluate the programme	 Identify when to regularly review and evaluate participants' progress throughout the coaching programme plan a schedule for the evaluation of the coaching programme, and share with participants and others

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Unit Title	Deliver an equestrian coaching programme
Unit Aim	This unit assesses the coach's ability to implement and deliver a sport-specific coaching programme, overseeing other coaching staff, where appropriate. The coaching programme must be progressive in nature and meet the needs of the riders.
Unique Unit Number	Y/616/4769
Unit Assessment Method(s)	- Coursework - Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	Learners are required to: (i) evidence the delivery of 8 (minimum) equestrian coaching sessions within the discrete cycle or phase within their normal coaching environment (off-course) (ii) be observed by an appropriately qualified assessor delivering a minimum of two equestrian coaching sessions to riders. The assessor observation should be a minimum of 90 minutes; generally through the observation of two 45-minute sessions. Observed sessions may be taken from the planned sessions from the coaching programme. Observations will ideally take place within the coach's normal coaching environment, however simulation is acceptable with an appropriate rationale. Where observations are conducted in a simulated environment, these must be in addition to the 8 that must be delivered in the coach's normal coaching environment, although there is no need to create additional session plans for these.

Learning Outcome: 1. manage the implementation of the equestrian coaching programme	
Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
1.1 agree roles and responsibilities of participants and others involved in the programme	 Communicate information about the equestrian coaching programme to participants and others provide information to participants
 1.2 lead the implementation of the coaching programme including: skill acquisition physical conditioning mental skill development holistic programme development. 	Implement an equestrian coaching programme that incorporates the technical and tactical requirements of the sport directly coach participants with a periodised programme: macro (annual) planning mesocycle microcycle use the principles of skill development in their coaching

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Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
2.1 create and maintain an effective learning environment/culture	 Identify the key aspects of an effective equestrian coaching environment clarify aims and objectives of sessions, set SMART/tangible goals and agree these with participants implement good practice principles of starting and ending coaching sessions for physical and mental preparation – delivering warm-ups and cool-downs
2.2 demonstrate a variety of coaching techniques, adapting coaching and leadership styles to meet the needs of participants and others	 Utilise a variety of communication methods with participants and others utilise listening skills lead participants and other staff in an effective and appropriate manner adopt coaching techniques relevant to participants' needs deliver a balance of facilitation, instruction and demonstration ensure there is a balance of activities in the sessions adapt their coaching and style of leadership to meet the needs and varied learning styles of participants and others
2.3 maintain participant engagement in sessions	 Encourage and empower participants incorporate a variety of coaching styles into delivery maintain regular communication with participants and others
2.4 manage the behaviour of participants and others in sessions	 Manipulate the rules and regulations of equestrian sport to enable the delivery of coaching sessions set and enforce ground rules for behaviour within sessions
2.5 manage risk and maintain a safe coaching environment.	 Manage risk, and monitor participants and others according to the health and safety requirements of the equestrian coaching programme organise the setting up, taking down and managing of equipment required for equestrian coaching sessions

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Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
3.1 deliver technical and tactical requirements of equine sport in sessions	 Identify the technical and tactical requirements of equine sport provide technical and tactical demonstrations and explanations that are correct apply appropriate communication methods in the provision of technical guidance
3.2 manage the implementation in sessions of skill acquisition, physical conditioning and mental skills development	 Directly coach participants in skill acquisition, physical conditioning and mental skills development provide support and feedback to others involved in coaching participants in skill acquisition, physical conditioning and mental skills development monitor and refine the skill acquisition units of the coaching programme, including: skill coordination motor skill learning skill acquisition skill retention skill transfer
3.3 observe, analyse, intervene and provide ongoing feedback to participants to improve performance within sessions	 Observe participants' performance analyse participants' performance and current skill level provide constructive feedback to participants offer information to participants after coaching sessions and different stages of the programme.



Learning Outcome: 4. Monitor participant development during the equestrian coaching programme	
Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
4.1 review and evaluate progress with participant and others at agreed points during the coaching programme	 Develop methods for evaluating performance that are safe, valid and reliable continually monitor and review the coaching programme at intervals required by the sport work with participants to regularly evaluate and review progress throughout the coaching programme, developing action plans when required provide support and feedback to others involved in the coaching programme
 4.2 adapt coaching programme goals for participants based on: observation feedback progress circumstances 	 Monitor and refine the programme as it develops, using contingency plans where appropriate manage change effectively within the programme.
4.3 modify the coaching programme to ensure sessions continually meet participants' needs and programme goals	 Implement the principles of needs-led coaching, and understand how this can impact on coaching programme and session goals modify the coaching programme to ensure sessions meet the programme goals

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Unit Title	Review an equestrian coaching programme
Unit Aim	This unit assesses the coach's ability to monitor, review and modify the coaching sessions, phases and overall coaching programme. Learners will also reflect on their own and others' coaching practice, identifying areas for development.
Unique Unit Number	R/616/4771
Unit Assessment Method(s)	- Coursework - Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	Learners are required to: (i) evaluate all aspects of the coaching programme, cycles and delivered sessions (ii) evaluate coaching practice of self and others involved in the coaching programme and identify areas for development (iii) produce a personal development plan and review and update this at regular intervals.



Learning Outcome: 1. evaluate the equestrian coaching programme	
Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
1.1 monitor, review and modify the coaching programme	 Work with participants to regularly review and evaluate their progress throughout the equestrian coaching programme complete evaluations of individual equestrian coaching sessions and cycles monitor and refine the coaching programme as it develops, using contingency plans where appropriate manage change effectively within the programme complete an evaluation of a complete coaching programme to include: analysis of performance evidence from the programme, cycles and sessions the short- and long- term effectiveness of physical and mental conditioning coaching contributions from others feedback from participants explain how the analysis of the evidence from the monitoring and review process informs the evaluation results justify any modifications, made to the coaching programme
1.2 evaluate the impact of self in the design, management and delivery of the coaching programme.	Review and justify the methods selected and understand their importance and impact during the planning of the coaching programme
1.3 evaluate the contributions of others involved in the coaching programme and identify development needs	 Promote a culture of continuing professional development explain the importance of taking account of organisational objectives when evaluating and developing others identify coaching roles, career progressions and pathways in equestrian sport assist with the development of others involved in the coaching programme
1.4 evaluate findings and recommendations for current and future coaching programmes	 Ensure the outcomes of the evaluation are recorded effectively and communicated to participants and others report and implement recommendations for improvement from the evaluation process

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Learning Outcome: 2. create a personal development plan for equestrian coaching	
Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
2.1 define the skills, knowledge and organisational requirements for planning and delivering coaching programmes	 Explain the importance of taking account of organisational objectives when evaluating own performance and performance of others appreciate the importance of continuing professional development for those involved in the coaching programme
2.2 identify own development needs using self-reflection and feedback from others	 Take responsibility for own development explain the importance of taking account of organisational objectives when evaluating and developing self self-reflect on own performance critically analyse and identify personal development needs obtain valid feedback on own performance from participants and others write a SMART personal development plan
2.3 source developmental opportunities that will meet identified development needs	Source opportunities for continuing professional development in equestrian coaching
2.4 review and update their personal action plan continually throughout the programme.	Record evidence of continual updating, and recording of personal action plans



Unit Title	Technical coaching requirements for carriage driving
Unit Aim	This unit aims to develop the coach's knowledge of the technical coaching requirements for Carriage Driving.
Unique Unit Number	K/616/8597
Unit Assessment Method(s)	- Coursework - Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	Learners are required to complete a series of assessed tasks within their learner portfolio. These are set by 1st4sport and assessed by their assessor.

Learning Outcome: 1. be able to prepare drivers for driving		
Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content	
1.1 develop the technical aspects of driving in drivers	Be able to coach the driver to: Establish an effective driving position and also correct backstepper position Improve suppleness and balance to maintain a driving and backstepping position appropriate to the activity being coached Improve balance, suppleness, security and straightness appropriate to the activity being coached Be able to explain: Suitability of carriage to level of driving, fit, functions, brakes, delayed steering, 5th wheel, weight distribution on different carriages. Basic maintenance of carriage	
1.2 explain the principles relating to carriage suitability	Be able to coach the driver to: Establish an effective driving position and also correct backstepper position Improve suppleness and balance to maintain a driving and backstepping position appropriate to the activity being coached Improve balance, suppleness, security and straightness appropriate to the activity being coached Be able to explain: Suitability of carriage to level of driving, fit, functions, brakes, delayed steering, 5th wheel, weight distribution on different carriages. Basic maintenance of carriage	

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Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
2.1 coach the application of natural and artificial driving aids	Be able to coach the driver to: Use single or double reins and rein handling styles
	Apply fluent, co-ordinated aids including whip, hand, seat, voice and weight (backstepper)
	Prepare for and make transitions and changes of direction Be able to coach the driver to:
	Understand and establish the Scale(s) of Training appropriate to the level of horse/driver
	Improve the horses obedience and suppleness using appropriate exercises
	Develop work appropriate to horse/driver working at the appropriat level
	Be able to identify faults and problems in both horse and driver/groom and find suitable solutions that will lead to improvement.
	Be able to coach the driver and groom to: Improve balance and security of position, suitable for driving
	(including balance) over undulating ground Have effective control of vehicle over undulating terrain and in
	obstacles. Recognise ground conditions and their impact on driving position and horses way of going.
	Be able to coach the driver and backstepper to: Develop an independent secure, supple, balanced driving position
	Apply effective aids Create fluency through the phases
	Achieve appropriate rhythm, speed and balance for dressage, obstacles and cones appropriate to driver capability
	Deal with unexpected situations Be able to:
	Demonstrate the appropriate use of grids etc within the training environment
	Set distance for cones and related distances appropriate for a variety of horse/driver combinations
	Identify areas for development in both horse/driver/backstepper and find suitable solutions that will lead to improvement
	Recognise the relationship between the terrain and ground condition and their influence within obstacles and cones
	Be able to coach the driver to: Use appropriate exercises for the needs of the horse, taking into
	account age, fitness, level of training and work following warm-up to include:
	o Walk, trot and canter o Changes of direction, turns , circles and transitions
	o Appropriate lateral exercises
	Use methods to help the horse warm-down, relax and recuperate taking into account weather conditions, work done, horse/ride fitnes age and condition
	Apply appropriate rugs, boots/bandages and rehydrate the horse to aid the warm-down and recovery process after exercise/competition
	Be able to fit a variety of harness including full collars, coupling rein breeching bits, false breeching
	Be able to recognise when and what type of protective



boots/bandages for training, working and competition
Be able to work with a variety of horse types and genders
Be able to recognise and manage causes of unwanted equine
behaviours and demonstrate an awareness of the reasons why these
arise

Be able to recognise horse conformation, condition and fitness and identify the limitations and appropriate work to develop the horse short and long term

Be able to:

Direct drivers to the available training clinics at both Club and National Level

Direct drivers towards specialists in the equine field who may be beneficial to their horse's development e.g. physiotherapists, nutritionists etc

Direct the horse/driver towards the appropriate discipline/level of competition

2.2 coach effective driving on the flat

Be able to coach the driver to:

Use single or double reins and rein handling styles

Apply fluent, co-ordinated aids including whip, hand, seat, voice and weight (backstepper)

Prepare for and make transitions and changes of direction Be able to coach the driver to:

Understand and establish the Scale(s) of Training appropriate to the level of horse/driver

Improve the horses obedience and suppleness using appropriate exercises

Develop work appropriate to horse/driver working at the appropriate level

Be able to identify faults and problems in both horse and driver/groom and find suitable solutions that will lead to improvement.

Be able to coach the driver and groom to

Improve balance and security of position, suitable for driving (including balance) over undulating ground

Have effective control of vehicle over undulating terrain and in obstacles.

Recognise ground conditions and their impact on driving position and horses way of going.

Be able to coach the driver and backstepper to:

Develop an independent secure, supple, balanced driving position Apply effective aids

Create fluency through the phases

Achieve appropriate rhythm, speed and balance for dressage, obstacles and cones appropriate to driver capability

Deal with unexpected situations

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Be able to:

Demonstrate the appropriate use of grids etc within the training environment

Set distance for cones and related distances appropriate for a variety of horse/driver combinations

Identify areas for development in both horse/driver/backstepper and find suitable solutions that will lead to improvement

Recognise the relationship between the terrain and ground conditions and their influence within obstacles and cones

Be able to coach the driver to:

Use appropriate exercises for the needs of the horse, taking into account age, fitness, level of training and work following warm-up to



include:

o Walk, trot and canter

o Changes of direction, turns, circles and transitions

o Appropriate lateral exercises

Use methods to help the horse warm-down, relax and recuperate taking into account weather conditions, work done, horse/ride fitness, age and condition

Apply appropriate rugs, boots/bandages and rehydrate the horse to aid the warm-down and recovery process after exercise/competition Be able to fit a variety of harness including full collars, coupling reins, breeching bits, false breeching

Be able to recognise when and what type of protective boots/bandages for training, working and competition
Be able to work with a variety of horse types and genders
Be able to recognise and manage causes of unwanted equine behaviours and demonstrate an awareness of the reasons why these arise

Be able to recognise horse conformation, condition and fitness and identify the limitations and appropriate work to develop the horse short and long term

Be able to:

Direct drivers to the available training clinics at both Club and National Level

Direct drivers towards specialists in the equine field who may be beneficial to their horse's development e.g. physiotherapists, nutritionists etc

Direct the horse/driver towards the appropriate discipline/level of competition

2.3 coach effective driving in the open and over undulating terrain

Be able to coach the driver to:

Use single or double reins and rein handling styles

Apply fluent, co-ordinated aids including whip, hand, seat, voice and weight (backstepper)

Prepare for and make transitions and changes of direction Be able to coach the driver to...

Understand and establish the Scale(s) of Training appropriate to the level of horse/driver

Improve the horses obedience and suppleness using appropriate exercises

Develop work appropriate to horse/driver working at the appropriate

Be able to identify faults and problems in both horse and driver/groom and find suitable solutions that will lead to improvement.

Be able to coach the driver and groom to

Improve balance and security of position, suitable for driving (including balance) over undulating ground

Have effective control of vehicle over undulating terrain and in obstacles.

Recognise ground conditions and their impact on driving position and horses way of going.

Be able to coach the driver and backstepper to:

Develop an independent secure, supple, balanced driving position Apply effective aids

Create fluency through the phases

Achieve appropriate rhythm, speed and balance for dressage, obstacles and cones appropriate to driver capability

Deal with unexpected situations



Be able to:

Demonstrate the appropriate use of grids etc within the training environment

Set distance for cones and related distances appropriate for a variety of horse/driver combinations

Identify areas for development in both horse/driver/backstepper and find suitable solutions that will lead to improvement

Recognise the relationship between the terrain and ground conditions and their influence within obstacles and cones

Be able to coach the driver to:

Use appropriate exercises for the needs of the horse, taking into account age, fitness, level of training and work following warm-up to include:

o Walk, trot and canter

o Changes of direction, turns, circles and transitions

o Appropriate lateral exercises

Use methods to help the horse warm-down, relax and recuperate taking into account weather conditions, work done, horse/ride fitness, age and condition

Apply appropriate rugs, boots/bandages and rehydrate the horse to aid the warm-down and recovery process after exercise/competition Be able to fit a variety of harness including full collars, coupling reins, breeching bits, false breeching

Be able to recognise when and what type of protective boots/bandages for training, working and competition Be able to work with a variety of horse types and genders Be able to recognise and manage causes of unwanted equine behaviours and demonstrate an awareness of the reasons why these arise

Be able to recognise horse conformation, condition and fitness and identify the limitations and appropriate work to develop the horse short and long term

Be able to:

Direct drivers to the available training clinics at both Club and National Level

Direct drivers towards specialists in the equine field who may be beneficial to their horse's development e.g. physiotherapists, nutritionists etc

Direct the horse/driver towards the appropriate discipline/level of competition

2.4 coach effective obstacle driving

Be able to coach the driver to:

Use single or double reins and rein handling styles

Apply fluent, co-ordinated aids including whip, hand, seat, voice and weight (backstepper)

Prepare for and make transitions and changes of direction Be able to coach the driver to...

Understand and establish the Scale(s) of Training appropriate to the level of horse/driver

Improve the horses obedience and suppleness using appropriate exercises

Develop work appropriate to horse/driver working at the appropriate level

Be able to identify faults and problems in both horse and driver/groom and find suitable solutions that will lead to improvement.

Be able to coach the driver and groom to

Improve balance and security of position, suitable for driving



(including balance) over undulating ground

Have effective control of vehicle over undulating terrain and in obstacles.

Recognise ground conditions and their impact on driving position and horses way of going.

Be able to coach the driver and backstepper to:

Develop an independent secure, supple, balanced driving position Apply effective aids

Create fluency through the phases

Achieve appropriate rhythm, speed and balance for dressage,

obstacles and cones appropriate to driver capability

Deal with unexpected situations

Be able to:

Demonstrate the appropriate use of grids etc within the training environment

Set distance for cones and related distances appropriate for a variety of horse/driver combinations

Identify areas for development in both horse/driver/backstepper and find suitable solutions that will lead to improvement

Recognise the relationship between the terrain and ground conditions and their influence within obstacles and cones

Be able to coach the driver to:

Use appropriate exercises for the needs of the horse, taking into account age, fitness, level of training and work following warm-up to include:

o Walk, trot and canter

o Changes of direction, turns , circles and transitions

o Appropriate lateral exercises

Use methods to help the horse warm-down, relax and recuperate taking into account weather conditions, work done, horse/ride fitness, age and condition

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2.5 warm-up and warm-down for horse

Be able to coach the driver to:

Use single or double reins and rein handling styles

Apply fluent, co-ordinated aids including whip, hand, seat, voice and weight (backstepper)

Prepare for and make transitions and changes of direction



Be able to coach the driver to...

Understand and establish the Scale(s) of Training appropriate to the level of horse/driver

Improve the horses obedience and suppleness using appropriate exercises

Develop work appropriate to horse/driver working at the appropriate level

Be able to identify faults and problems in both horse and driver/groom and find suitable solutions that will lead to improvement.

Be able to coach the driver and groom to

Improve balance and security of position, suitable for driving (including balance) over undulating ground

Have effective control of vehicle over undulating terrain and in obstacles.

Recognise ground conditions and their impact on driving position and horses way of going.

Be able to coach the driver and backstepper to:

Develop an independent secure, supple, balanced driving position Apply effective aids

Create fluency through the phases

Achieve appropriate rhythm, speed and balance for dressage,

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Deal with unexpected situations

Be able to:

Demonstrate the appropriate use of grids etc within the training environment

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Identify areas for development in both horse/driver/backstepper and find suitable solutions that will lead to improvement

Recognise the relationship between the terrain and ground conditions and their influence within obstacles and cones

Be able to coach the driver to:

Use appropriate exercises for the needs of the horse, taking into account age, fitness, level of training and work following warm-up to include:

o Walk, trot and canter

o Changes of direction, turns, circles and transitions

o Appropriate lateral exercises

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2.6 coach lunging of the horse and participant prior to driving

Be able to coach the driver to:

Use single or double reins and rein handling styles

Apply fluent, co-ordinated aids including whip, hand, seat, voice and weight (backstepper)

Prepare for and make transitions and changes of direction Be able to coach the driver to...

Understand and establish the Scale(s) of Training appropriate to the level of horse/driver

Improve the horses obedience and suppleness using appropriate exercises

Develop work appropriate to horse/driver working at the appropriate level

Be able to identify faults and problems in both horse and driver/groom and find suitable solutions that will lead to improvement.

Be able to coach the driver and groom to

Improve balance and security of position, suitable for driving (including balance) over undulating ground

Have effective control of vehicle over undulating terrain and in obstacles.

Recognise ground conditions and their impact on driving position and horses way of going.

Be able to coach the driver and backstepper to:

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Create fluency through the phases

Achieve appropriate rhythm, speed and balance for dressage, obstacles and cones appropriate to driver capability

Deal with unexpected situations

Be able to:

Demonstrate the appropriate use of grids etc within the training environment

Set distance for cones and related distances appropriate for a variety of horse/driver combinations

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Recognise the relationship between the terrain and ground conditions and their influence within obstacles and cones

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2.7 coach health and safety principles and rules specific to carriage driving

Be able to coach the driver to:

Use single or double reins and rein handling styles

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Prepare for and make transitions and changes of direction Be able to coach the driver to...

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Be able to coach the driver and groom to

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obstacles and cones appropriate to driver capability

Deal with unexpected situations

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Learning Outcome: 3. understand the theoretical principles of driving		
Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content	
3.1 demonstrate their knowledge of the theory of horse suitability and development	Be able to coach the driver to: Use single or double reins and rein handling styles Apply fluent, co-ordinated aids including whip, hand, seat, voice and weight (backstepper) Prepare for and make transitions and changes of direction Be able to coach the driver to Understand and establish the Scale(s) of Training appropriate to the level of horse/driver Improve the horses obedience and suppleness using appropriate exercises Develop work appropriate to horse/driver working at the appropriate level Be able to identify faults and problems in both horse and driver/groom and find suitable solutions that will lead to improvement. Be able to coach the driver and groom to Improve balance and security of position, suitable for driving (including balance) over undulating ground Have effective control of vehicle over undulating terrain and in obstacles. Recognise ground conditions and their impact on driving position and	

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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 approved tutors. The tutors are responsible for the delivery of the qualification. Approved qualification tutors are required to:

- provide evidence that they have previous occupational experience in the specific discipline of Carriage Driving
- provide evidence that they have undergone an induction into the qualification and how to tutor/deliver it to learners

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 approved assessors. The assessors are responsible for the assessment of the qualification. Approved qualification assessors are required to:

- provide evidence that they have previous occupational experience in the specific discipline of Carriage Driving
- provide evidence that they have undergone an induction into the qualification and how to tutor/deliver it to learners

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.

• hold or be working towards a recognised internal quality assurance qualification.

Additional Qualification Requirements

This qualification is regulated by Ofqual (603/2443/0) and QiW (C00/1305/0 - Regulated).



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