



Level 3 Horse Care & Management

Aimed at those with a level of experience working with horses in an equine business. Our qualification will equip you with the knowledge and skills to work confidently in a more senior role, developing advanced knowledge and abilities.

Benefits for the learner

- Gain specialist practical skills alongside knowledge in horse care management
- Learn fully in the workplace as an employed member of staff
- Extend your progression opportunities to include roles that require more responsibility
- Create valuable connections within the equine industry

Benefits for the employer

- Tailored apprenticeships with pathways designed around your business needs
- Retain and upskill your employees to take on more senior roles
- Encourage the value of education and learning
- Develop an employee's skills and knowledge to suit your business requirements



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Essential Skills

Welsh Government is committed to raising the levels of Essential Skills across Wales. Communication and Application of Number qualifications are an integral element of the funded apprenticeship frameworks.

These are usually delivered through workshops at one of our centres and will be planned well in advance. If you have completed Essential Skills previously or are able to provide suitable evidence, such as GCSE certificates or similar, you may be exempt from completing this element of the qualification.

Essential Skills	
Learners will need to complete:	
Application of Number	Level 2
Communication	Level 2

Qualification Overview

To achieve the **Horse Care pathway**, you must complete a minimum of 64 credits in total:

- Mandatory units - 40 credits
- Optional units - a minimum of 24 credits (8 units)

To achieve the **Breeding pathway**, you must complete a minimum of 70 credits in total:

- Mandatory units - 40 credits
- Optional units - a minimum of 11 credits (4 units)
- Breeding Pathway units - a minimum of 19 credits (3 units)

To achieve the **Riding pathway**, you must complete a minimum of 83 credits in total:

- Mandatory units - 40 credits
- Optional units - a minimum of 8 credits (3 units)
- Riding Pathway units - a minimum of 35 credits (3 units)

To achieve the **Coaching pathway**, you must complete a minimum of 72 credits in total:

- Mandatory units - 40 credits
- Optional units - a minimum of 8 credits (3 units)
- Coaching Pathway units - a minimum of 24 credits (2 units)

The qualification will take a minimum of 15 months to complete.

Mandatory Units

Unit Title	Level	Credit Value
Receive a horse and carry out initial assessment	3	4
Plan diets and implement feeding regimes for horses	3	5
Monitor and maintain stocks of feed and bedding	3	2
Promote the health and well-being of horses	3	8
Deliver basic health care treatments to horses	3	8
Promote, monitor, and maintain health, safety and security of the workplace	3	6
Manage your own resources	2	7

Optional Units

Unit Title	Level	Credit Value
Tack up horse for specialist work	3	4
Prepare horses for public appearance	3	3
Clip horses	3	5
Introduce young horses to equipment	3	12
Contribute to training of horses from the ground	3	15
Contribute to the design and implementation of a work programme for horses	3	4
Exercise and improve performance of horses using lunging or long reining	3	8
Prepare to lead a horse trek	3	5
Carry out pre- and post-horse trek activities	3	4
Carry out pre- and post-play routines for polo ponies	3	6
Assist with the exercise and care for performance horses	3	5
Care for performance horses after strenuous exercise	3	5
Escort horses to competition	3	3
Care for horses after competition	3	3
Introduce stick and ball to polo ponies	3	4
Prepare and maintain grazing land for horses	3	3
Manage horses when turned out	3	3
Develop and implement a horse rehabilitation plan	3	5
Repair and maintain structures or surfaces	3	2
Maintain the health and welfare of animals during transportation	2	4
Plan, monitor and evaluate the transportation of animals	3	3

Breeding Pathway

Unit Title	Level	Credit Value
Care and prepare mare for covering	3	8
Maintain stud documentation	3	3
Attend to mare and foal during foaling	3	8
Care for mare and foal	3	8
Handle and present stallion under supervision	3	8
Establish and maintain the care of stallions	3	8

Riding Pathway

Unit Title	Level	Credit Value
Ride horses for exercise	3	10
Ride and lead a horse for exercise	3	10
Ride schooled horses to maintain training	3	26
Jump schooled horses to maintain training	3	26
Lead a horse trek	3	15

Coaching Pathway

Unit Title	Level	Credit Value
Collect and analyse information and prepare for equine coaching sessions	3	4
Prepare for, conduct and evaluate equine coaching sessions	3	20

*Please note, yards will be assessed before the qualification commences to ensure that they can meet the requirements of any chosen pathway listed above. Please discuss your options further with our team to find out more.

Progression

If you are in a suitable role, you could progress to:

- BHS Stages
- Business qualifications with our partners at Educ8

