
Overview

This standard is about being able to support the Harness Horse Trainer with training horses to work in harness, including introducing voice aids, items of harness, weight pulling and horse drawn vehicles or agricultural implements to individual horses at various stages of training.

It requires the ability to handle young, inexperienced horses as well as mature horses being trained to a new role, plus knowledge and understanding of horse behaviour and the ability to recognise signs of stress in the 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 risks within the workplace.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 Identify own role and responsibilities in assisting with training horses to work in harness
- P2 Work with others to implement a programme designed to train individual horses to work in harness
- P3 Monitor the reactions of individual horses to each stage of training
- P4 Report on the effectiveness of each stage of training, and individual horse's reactions
- P5 Contribute to the review of the training programme and methods
- P6 Implement agreed revisions to the training programme and re-evaluate the revised training programme/methods
- P7 Introduce voice aids, noises, items of harness, weight pulling, and horse drawn vehicles or implements to the novice horse in training
- P8 Monitor the health and well-being of horses, and be able to identify signs of stress during training
- P9 Take appropriate actions to eliminate or minimise stress according to instructions
- P10 Maintain safety of self and others and the welfare of the horse whilst working.

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 Your role and responsibilities in assisting with training horses to work in harness
- K2 The principles of training horses to work in harness
- K3 Horse behaviour and how this relates to the training programme
- K4 Humane and effective training methods
- K5 How to recognise signs of stress in horses during training
- K6 How to assess the effectiveness of each stage of training
- K7 How to report on the effectiveness and reactions of individual horses to each stage of training,
- K8 How to make an effective contribution to training plan revision discussions
- K9 How to maintain safety of self and others and the welfare of the horse whilst working.

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