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Drive horses for specialist purposes



Overview

This standard is about being able to drive horses for specialist purposes. It includes being able to select horses for specialist work according to their physical ability and fitness, temperament, experience and appearance. You will be able to make informed decisions relating to the positioning of individual horses in multiples, and the introduction of new horses to a multiple.

You will understand how to set up and adjust the harness for optimum performance.

Select multiples of horses which complement one another when driving, in terms of:

- Fitness and ability
- Height and stride length
- Experience, training and temperament
- Appearance
- Suitability for working together.

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Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 Identify the specialist purposes for which the horses will be used
 - P2 Select horses which are suitable and complement one another for the intended specialist purpose
 - P3 Assess the temperament of individual horses, and evaluate their suitability for a range of general purpose uses
 - P4 Determine the positioning of individual horses within a multiple according to their individual merits
 - P5 Select horse drawn vehicles for a range of purposes which are suitable for the specialist purpose
 - P6 Select and fit harnesses to individual horses
 - P7 Carry out routine pre-drive checks on horses, harnesses and vehicles
 - P8 Handle the reins correctly for the specialist use
 - P9 Be responsible for the care for the horses after use
 - P10 Be responsible for cleaning, maintaining and storing the harness and vehicle after use
 - P11 Direct the activities of the crew of Harness Horse Grooms to assist with maintaining the safety and welfare of the horses whilst being driven
 - P12 Drive horses in accordance with legislative requirements and codes of practice, and with consideration for other road users
 - P13 Monitor the horses' behaviour whilst driving, and take positive action to minimise stress and maintain their well-being
 - P14 Work in a way which maintains the safety of self and others and the welfare of the horses.

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 Your role and responsibilities in driving horses for specialist purposes
- K2 The criteria for selecting suitable single horses for the specialist purpose
- K3 The criteria for selecting horses to work together as part of a multiple
- K4 How to assess the fitness and ability of individual horses for specialist work
- K5 How to assess the temperament and behaviour of individual horses
- K6 The criteria for determining the positioning of each horse within a multiple
- K7 How to fit, set up and adjust the harness for optimum performance
- K8 How to set up and adjust tandems and unicorns
- K9 How to select suitable specialist horse drawn vehicles
- K10 How to monitor individual horses whilst driving as a multiple
- K11 How to handle the reins correctly in relation to the specialist purpose
- K12 How to evaluate the effectiveness of a multiple as a whole whilst driving
- K13 How to minimise stress and how to positively promote the well-being of horses whilst driving
- K14 How to direct the crew of Harness Horse Grooms to assist effectively with maintaining control, and the safety and welfare of the horses whilst driving
- K15 The risks associated with tandems and unicorns
- K16 Legislative requirements and codes of practice relating to driving horses on the public highway for specialist purposes
- K17 How to work in a way which maintains the safety of self and others and the welfare of the horses.

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