

## LANEQ506

# Drive a team of harness horses for exercise and schooling



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### Overview

This standard is about being able to drive teams of horses for exercise and schooling. It includes being able to select horses to form a team according to their fitness, experience and ability to work together.

You will be able to make informed decisions relating to the positioning of individual horses in the team. You will be able to select and fit harnesses for a range of specialist work, and select from a range of suitable horse drawn vehicles.

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

The standard includes being able to direct the activities of the Harness Horse Grooms crew whilst preparing horses to be driven, putting-to/taking out and whilst driving.

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### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

- P1 Establish your role and responsibilities for driving teams of four horses for exercise and schooling
- P2 Identify the purpose for which the team of four horses will be used
- P3 Select individual horses which are suitable for the intended team work
- P4 Select horses which complement one another when driving as a team of four
- P5 Assess the temperament of individual horses and evaluate their suitability for a range of general purpose uses
- P6 Determine the positioning of individual horses within a team of four according to their individual merits
- P7 Select horse drawn vehicles for a range of purposes which are suitable for the purpose
- P8 Select the harness and fit harness to individual horses
- P9 Set up and adjust the harness for optimum performance
- P10 Carry out routine pre-drive checks on horses, harnesses and vehicles
- P11 Be responsible for the care for the horses after use
- P12 Be responsible for cleaning, maintaining and storing the harness and vehicle after use
- P13 Direct the activities of the crew of Harness Horse Grooms to assist with maintaining the safety and welfare of the team of four horses whilst being driven
- P14 Drive horses in accordance with legislative requirements and codes of practice, and with consideration for other road users
- P15 Monitor the horses' behaviour whilst driving, and take positive action to minimise stress and maintain their well-being
- P16 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 teams of four horses for exercise and schooling
- K2 The criteria for selecting suitable individual horses for the team
- K3 The criteria for selecting horses to work together as part of a team of four
- K4 How to assess the fitness and ability of individual horses for team work
- K5 How to assess the temperament and behaviour of individual horses
- K6 The criteria for determining the positioning of each horse within a team of four
- K7 How to fit, set up and adjust harnesses for optimum performance
- K8 How to select suitable horse drawn vehicles
- K9 How to monitor individual horses whilst driving as a team of four
- K10 How to evaluate the effectiveness of a team of four as a whole whilst driving
- K11 How to minimise stress and how to positively promote the well-being of horses whilst driving
- K12 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
- K13 Legislative requirements and codes of practice relating to driving horses on the public highway
- K14 How to work in a way which maintains the safety of self and others and the welfare of the horses.

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