

## Overview

This standard involves jumping schooled horses. This will include jumping in an enclosed area or in the open, over jumps, and following instructions, which include grids and individual fences up to 70cm (2ft 6in). You will also follow the correct route and adjust your speed to suit the type of jump e.g. trot or canter.

The work described in this standard would be carried out following agreement with a supervisor about the responsibilities and methods of work.

You will need to be fully aware of the importance of health, safety and animal welfare in connection with this activity.

You will need to be able to recognise hazards in the workplace.

## Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. select and wear appropriate clothing and personal protective equipment for the activity, according to instructions
2. approach the horse in accordance with instructions and in a manner that minimizes stress to the horse and risk to yourself and others
3. jump schooled horses
4. adopt and maintain the correct riding position
5. warm up the horse appropriately, for jumping
6. maintain a balanced position, which is not detrimental to the horse, while jumping fences
7. follow the correct route, according to instructions
8. adjust the horse's speed and gait to suit the location and type of jump
9. warm down the horse appropriately, after jumping
10. maintain the safety of yourself and others, and the welfare of the horse, during the activity

## Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the selection, use and care of personal protective equipment
2. how to approach horses in an appropriate manner to minimise stress and risk to yourself and others
3. the reasons for following the correct route and presenting the horse to the fence correctly
4. how to warm up horses prior to jumping, and cool them down afterwards
5. the actions to be taken if the horse refuses to jump or run out
6. the principles of controlling a horse when jumping
7. the hazards likely to be encountered when jumping horses
8. the actions to be taken in adverse weather and surface conditions
9. the risks to horses, yourself and others and how these can be minimised
10. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice

**Scope/range**

Jump two schooled horses in an enclosed area or in the open.

Perform two of the following jumps:

- fences
- grids

Jumping from:

- trot
- canter

## Jump schooled horses

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