
Overview

This standard covers schooling racehorses to meet agreed requirements. Schooling is likely to be either hurdles, fences or starting stalls. You should be able to establish the existing level of education of the horse, confirm requirements with the appropriate person, plan and carry out the schooling programme, and report back on the progress made.

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 and assess risks in the workplace.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. select and wear appropriate clothing and personal protective equipment for the activity
2. establish the existing level of schooling for racehorses
3. discuss and confirm the requirements for schooling racehorses with the appropriate person
4. plan the schooling of racehorses to meet agreed requirements
5. school the racehorses at all paces and according to the plan
6. use equipment correctly and safely
7. provide a detailed report on progress to the appropriate person
8. monitor and maintain the health and 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 establish the existing level of schooling for racehorses
3. how to plan the schooling of racehorses to agreed requirements
4. the types of equipment necessary for the work and their correct use
5. how to school racehorses
6. the effects of temperament, age and experience on the behaviour of racehorses
7. the effects of schooling exercise on racehorses
8. the types of problems encountered when schooling young racehorses
9. the risks to horses, yourself and others and how these are controlled
10. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice.

Scope/range

School racehorse using one of the following schooling aids:

- hurdles
- fences
- starting stalls

Glossary

Racehorses:

- flat
- national hunt
- point-to-point

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