

1st4sport Level 3 Diploma in Work Based Racehorse Care and Management



Qualification Specification

Qualification Overview:	This qualification develops learners' skills and knowledge to be able to care for horses without constant supervision – some autonomous working is possible.						
Qualification Code:	601/4904/8	Level:	3	Age:	16+	Registration Period:	3 years
Guided Learning (GL):	254	Total Qualification Time (TQT):	438	Credit Value:	18	Operational From:	01 November 2014
Progression Opportunities:	This qualification prepares learners for positions of responsibility and is linked to Grade A racing wage. It will enable learners to seek employment as Senior Stable Staff (Head Groom/Head Lad/Head Lass), Stud Groom or Trainer.						

Qualification Objective
What does this qualification cover?
This qualification develops learners' skills and knowledge to be able to care for horses without constant supervision – some autonomous working is possible. It is a stepping stone to a supervisory or management position and
Who is the qualification for?
This qualification is designed for individuals who already have significant experience of working with racehorses and who wish to progress to a position of higher responsibility. It is a mandatory training requirement for all prospective licensed racehorse trainers and permit holders.
Who supports this qualification?
This qualification is supported by the BHA as the trade association and employers for Horseracing in the UK.
Qualification Progression
What future education could this qualification lead to?
Learners could progress onto additional CPD opportunities offered through industry specific organisations.
What future employment could this qualification lead to?
The Level 3 Diploma in Work Based Racehorse Care and Management prepares learners for positions of responsibility and is linked to Grade A racing wage.
Achievement of the qualification will enable learners to progress to the following job roles:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Stable Staff (Head Groom/Head Lad/Head Lass) • Stud Groom • Trainer

Qualification Achievement
Entry Requirements for the Qualification
Prior to registration learners are required to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have been accurately identified • be at least 16 years of age • able to communicate effectively in English (listening, speaking, reading and writing).
There are no additional prerequisites to certification other than the successful completion of the required assessments
How is the Qualification Achieved?
Achievement of this qualification is normally through attendance on a structured programme of learning and assessment.
What will be assessed?
Assessors may use a variety of assessment methods to assess a learner against the assessment criteria. These may include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • direct observation of the learner carrying out practical tasks relevant to the assessment criteria • video evidence of learner performance • witness testimonies • question and answer sessions to confirm knowledge and understanding

How will it be assessed?

This qualification contains a range of units to be completed by the learner. Each unit is comprised of a number of learning outcomes and identified assessment criteria to be completed.

Learning Outcomes that begin ‘The learner will **understand...**’ will be assessed through theory based activities.

Learning Outcomes that begin ‘The learner will **be able to...**’ are assessed through practical activities.

For example:

Learning outcomes The learner will:	Assessment criteria The learner can:
1 understand how to ensure participants’ safety during sport specific coaching sessions	1.1 describe the health and safety requirements that are relevant to planned sport-specific activities and competition.
	1.2 describe how to structure coaching sessions to minimise the risk of injury to participants.
2 be able to prepare resources for the coaching session	2.1 ensure that the identified resources meet the requirements of the activity.

Qualification Delivery

What workforce is needed to be able to deliver this qualification?

The recognised centre is required to have a qualified and competent qualification workforce in place which includes as a minimum.

- a qualification administrator
- a qualification coordinator
- a BHA-approved assessor
- a BHA-approved internal quality assurer (IQA)

Further information on workforce requirements are available from 1st4sport Qualifications on request.

What facilities are needed to be able to deliver this qualification?

The recognised centre is required to have one or more delivery sites which contain facilities to support the programme of learning and assessment. These must comply with *Health and Safety in the Racing and Breeding Industry* and have in place appropriate access arrangements. All training and/or assessment sites must include the following facilities:

- A practical space to be used for learning and assessment activities which includes:
 - Stabled horses suitable for use by Level 3 learners
 - Turn out area
 - Quiet racehorses/horses
 - Enclosed Riding Area
 - Area for lunging or long reining
 - Paddock/enclosed exercise area
 - Selection of fit thoroughbred racehorses
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 - Opportunity to assist with the training and backing
 - Opportunity to introduce lunging or long reining
 - Enclosed and open areas suitable for training young horses
- A theory space which may include a classroom. This must contain multimedia facilities such as data projector and laptop, flip chart and pens.

Additional facility requirements exist for each pathway.

What equipment is needed to be able to deliver this qualification?

The recognised centre is required to have equipment in place to facilitate the full programme of assessment which must comply with *The Health and Safety at Work Act (1974)* and other directives which includes:

- bedding
- mucking out equipment
- rugs
- tack
- feed
- feed room
- feed board
- variety of feedstuffs
- watering systems
- bandages
- protective padding to go under the bandages
- lunging or long reining equipment
- horsebox or trailer
- travelling equipment
- grooming kit
- plaiting and trimming equipment
- trimming equipment to include quarter marking equipment
- clipping machines
- methods of restraint
- breaking equipment
- veterinary cabinet

The recognised centre is required to ensure that all learners wear appropriate apparel for the tasks they undertake.

What qualification materials support this qualification?

This qualification is supported by a number of additional documents which must be read by all relevant personnel within recognised centres approved to offer this qualification. These include the *1st4sport Level 3 Diploma in Work Based Racehorse Care and Management*.

- *Qualification Manual*, detailing the 1st4sport Qualification Approval Conditions and the Delivery, Assessment and Quality Assurance Approach for this qualification
- *Unit Specifications*, detailing the Learning Outcomes and Assessment criteria for the qualification

How much does this qualification cost?

Qualification registration and certification fees are available from 1st4sport Qualifications on request. Centres need to factor in facility and workforce costs in order to determine a Qualification Fee for learners.

How to apply to deliver this qualification

Contact 1st4sport Qualifications, requesting qualification approval for the *1st4sport Level 3 Diploma in Work Based Racehorse Care and Management*:

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Qualification Structure (Rule of Combination)

Learners must successfully achieve 41 credits by completing one of the 6 pathways. The qualification is composed of 4 mandatory units and a number of optional units, depending on which pathway is selected.

The six pathways are:

- Exercise Riding
- Specialist Racehorse Care
- Breeding
- Training the Young Horse
- Rehabilitation
- Race Riding

The learner is required to achieve the following:

MANDATORY – both unit groups must be completed

- Group A: All 4 units
- Group B: Select 3 of the 7 units (There is one barred combination within this group)

OPTIONAL – one unit group must be completed

- Group C: All 4 units for the Exercise and Riding Pathway only
- Group D: All 4 units for the Specialist Racehorse Care Pathway only
- Group E: Any 4 units for the Breeding Pathway only
- Group F: Both units for the Training the Young Horse Pathway only
- Group G: Both units for the Rehabilitation Group only
- Group H: All 4 units for the Race Riding Pathway only

Mandatory Unit Group A (*Learners must complete all four units*)

Unit Title	Level	Credit	GL	Reference	Assessment Method(s)
Plan diets and implement feeding regimes for horses	3	5	33	M/600/4896	Observation of work practice
Monitor and maintain stocks of feed and bedding	3	2	13	A/600/3797	Observation of work practice
Promote the health and well-being of horses	3	8	52	T/600/3801	Observation of work practice
Deliver basic health care treatment to horses	3	8	52	A/600/3802	Observation of work practice

Mandatory Unit group B (Learners must complete any three units)					
Unit Title	Level	Credit	GL	Reference	Assessment Method(s)
Tack up horses for specialist work	3	4	26	J/600/3804	Observation of work practice
Prepare horses for public appearance	3	3	20	Y/600/3807	Observation of work practice
Clip Horses	3	5	33	D/600/3811	Observation of work practice
Prepare and maintain grazing land for horses	3	3	20	H/600/4913	Observation of work practice
Manage horses when turned out	3	3	20	J/600/8517	Observation of work practice
Transport horses by road on long journeys– Attendant	3	3	20	F/601/7846	Multiple Choice Examination Observation of work practice
Transport horses by road on long journeys – Attendant/Driver	3	3	20	H/601/7807	Multiple Choice Examination Observation of work practice
Optional Unit Group C – Exercise and Riding (Learners must complete all four units)					
Unit Title	Level	Credit	GL	Reference	Assessment Method(s)
Prepare horses for saddling up and the parade ring	3	4	26	H/600/3843	Observation of work practice
Ride racehorses to improve performance	3	10	65	D/600/3839	Observation of work practice
School racehorses	3	10	65	R/600/3840	Observation of work practice
Carry out racecourse procedures	3	4	26	Y/600/3841	Observation of work practice
Optional Unit Group D – Specialist Racehorse Care (Learners must complete all four units)					
Unit Title	Level	Credit	GL	Reference	Assessment Method(s)
Carry out racecourse procedures	3	4	26	Y/600/3841	Observation of work practice
Prepare horses for saddling up and the parade ring	3	4	26	H/600/3843	Observation of work practice
Contribute to the design and implementation of training programmes for racehorses	3	10	65	K/600/3844	Observation of work practice
Contribute to the evaluation and modification of training programmes for racehorses	3	6	39	K/600/8512	Observation of work practice

Optional Unit Group E – Breeding (Learners must complete any four units)					
Unit Title	Level	Credit	GL	Reference	Assessment Method(s)
Care for and prepare the mare for covering	3	8	52	M/600/8513	Observation of work practice
Maintain stud documentation	3	3	20	T/600/8514	Observation of work practice
Attend to the mare and foal during foaling	3	8	52	M/600/3845	Observation of work practice
Care for mare and foal	3	8	52	T/600/3846	Observation of work practice
Handle and present stallions under supervision	3	8	52	A/600/8515	Observation of work practice
Establish and maintain the care of stallions	3	8	52	F/600/8516	Observation of work practice
Repair and maintain structures or surfaces	3	2	13	F/502/1451	Observation of work practice
Optional Unit Group F – Training the Young Horse (Learners must complete both units)					
Unit Title	Level	Credit	GL	Reference	Assessment Method(s)
Introduce young horses to equipment	3	12	78	M/600/3814	Observation of work practice
Contribute to training from the ground	3	15	98	L/600/3819	Observation of work practice
Optional Unit Group G – Rehabilitation (Learners must complete both units)					
Unit Title	Level	Credit	GL	Reference	Assessment Method(s)
Receive a horse and carry out an initial assessment	3	4	26	Y/600/3791	Observation of work practice
Develop and implement a horse rehabilitation plan	3	5	33	M/600/3795	Observation of work practice
Optional Unit Group H – Race Riding (Learners must complete all four units)					
Unit Title	Level	Credit	GL	Reference	Assessment Method(s)
Carry out racecourse procedures	3	4	26	Y/600/3841	Observation of work practice
Prepare horses for saddling up and the parade ring	3	4	26	H/600/3843	Observation of work practice
Develop and apply a knowledge of the rules and regulations for race riding	3	8	52	F/502/8142	Observation of work practice
Develop, apply and evaluate race riding skills	3	10	65	D/502/8147	Observation of work practice

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