



# Why Work as an... Equine Groom

A solution for your training needs and career progression

## ROLE OVERVIEW

The occupation requires competent individuals who are committed to the safety and welfare of the horses in their care. They will use their theoretical knowledge and understanding, practical experience and empathy to maintain the horses' physical and psychological well-being within a safe working environment. This is a practical, "hands on" occupation where apprentices will work under supervision individually or as part of a diverse team.

## KEY POINTS

- **Level:** 2
- **Duration:** 12 months + End Point Assessment
- **Pathways:** Breeding; Driving; Racing; Riding; Non-Riding
- **Entry requirements:** You may be required to undertake training in maths and English. See [HERE](#) for more information
- **Career progression:** Senior Equine Groom

## KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS

- Routine yard and field duties and horse husbandry
- Basic anatomy and physiology, including the digestive and skeletal systems
- The horses' natural instincts, mental abilities and the principles of how horses behave and learn; the different methods of safe handling in various situations
- Common workplace saddlery, equipment and clothing used and how to maintain it
- Current workplace principles and legal requirements relating to commercial transport of horses
- A variety of non-ridden exercise procedures used in the different workplaces

## SKILL REQUIREMENTS

- Assess suitability of stabling and grassland environments for horses including checking for hazards etc
- Recognise signs of good and poor welfare (including ill health) and check for
- Handle a variety of horses in the workplace to include tying up, leading, trotting up, turning out and catching in
- Check the safe and effective working condition of all saddlery, equipment and clothing
- Assist with loading and unloading before and after travel

## BEHAVIOUR REQUIREMENTS

- Take a pride in their work, showing commitment and loyalty, whilst conducting themselves in a professional manner
- Have responsibility for themselves, others and the equines in their care, showing respect, empathy, patience and tolerance in all situations
- Have the ability to work both individually and as part of a diverse team as required, understanding their role and changing priorities when the situation dictates
- Show good interpersonal skills and accurately report any concerns, incidents and abnormalities

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