



Level 2 Horse Care

Aimed at those entering the equine industry with little to no experience, our qualification will equip you with the knowledge and skills to meet the needs of this diverse, vocational industry.

Benefits for the learner

- Earn whilst gaining a recognised qualification
- Learn new skills and knowledge from equine industry professionals
- Understand the needs of the equine industry
- Access further training and progression opportunities within horse care

Benefits for the employer

- Gain a highly skilled employee who is knowledgeable of the equine industry requirements
- Optional pathways to suit individual business needs
- Promote a culture of learning and development
- Enhance employee efficiency and workplace performance
- Receive support throughout the recruitment process and training to upskill current staff



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Essential Skills

Welsh Government is committed to raising the levels of Essential Skills across Wales. Communication and Application of Number qualifications are an integral element of the funded apprenticeship frameworks.

These are usually delivered through workshops at one of our centres and will be planned well in advance. If you have completed Essential Skills previously or are able to provide suitable evidence, such as GCSE certificates or similar, you may be exempt from completing this element of the qualification.

Essential Skills	
Learners will need to complete:	
Application of Number	Level 1
Communication	Level 1

Qualification Overview

To achieve the Level 2 Horse Care qualification, **Horse Care pathway**, you must complete a minimum of 41 credits in total:

- Mandatory units - 18 credits
- Optional units - a minimum of 23 credits (10 units)

To achieve the Level 2 Horse Care qualification, **Breeding pathway**, you must complete a minimum of 42 credits in total:

- Mandatory units - 18 credits
- Optional units - a minimum of 9 credits (5 units)
- Breeding Pathway units - 15 credits

To achieve the Level 2 Horse Care qualification, **Riding pathway**, you must complete a minimum of 50 credits in total:

- Mandatory units - 18 credits
- Optional units - a minimum of 9 credits (5 units)
- Riding Pathway units - 23 credits (3 units)

The qualification will take a minimum of 15 months to complete.

Mandatory Units

Unit Title	Level	Credit Value
Clean and maintain stables	2	2
Provide feed and water horses	2	2
Carry out routine care and monitor the health and well-being of horses	2	5
Restrain horses using specified methods	2	2
Monitoring and maintaining health & safety	2	3
Maintain and develop personal performance	2	2
Establish and maintain effective working relationships with others	2	2

Optional Units

Unit Title	Level	Credit Value
Prepare a stable for a horse	2	1
Fit and remove horse clothing	2	2
Plait and trim horses mane and tails	2	3
Clean and groom horses for appearance	2	3
Assess grazing land for the introduction of horses	2	2
Turn out, catch and maintain horses when turned out	2	3
Fit, remove and maintain tack for exercise	2	3
Long rein a horse under supervision	2	4
Lunge a horse under supervision	2	4
Care for horses after exercise	2	2
Assist with preparation of horse for sale	2	5
Assist with pre- and post-trek procedures	2	5
Assist with the day-to-day care of performance horses	2	4
Assist with the care of performance horses after strenuous exercise	2	6
Assist with horses at competitions	2	6
Prepare horses for riders with special requirements	2	3
Assist with mounting and dismounting riders with special requirements	2	2
Assist with riding activities for riders with special requirements	2	4
Assist with receiving a horse and carry out an initial assessment	2	2
Assist with the rehabilitation of horses	2	3
Load and unload animals for transportation	2	3

Breeding Pathway

Unit Title	Level	Credit Value
Assist with getting the mare in foal	2	5
Assist with foaling	2	5
Assist in handling mares and foals	2	5

Riding Pathway

Unit Title	Level	Credit Value
Ride horses on the road	2	8
Ride a horse in the open	2	8
Ride and lead a horse	2	8
Ride a schooled horse	2	17
Jump a schooled horse	2	17
Assist the trek leader during a trek	2	7

*Please note yards will be assessed before the qualification commences to ensure that they can meet the requirements of any chosen pathway listed above. Please discuss your options further with our team to find out more.

Progression

If you are in a suitable role, you could progress to:

- Level 3 Horse Care (breeding, riding or general horse care)
- Level 3 Racehorse Care
- BHS Stages

