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AWARD

**IN THE PRINCIPLES
OF TRANSPORTING
HORSES BY ROAD
ON SHORT JOURNEYS**

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Level 3

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Candidates must achieve this unit

THRSJ3A1 R/601/7849

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| About this Unit |
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| This unit is designed to be used to support the legislative requirements in relation to competences for the transport of horses (Council Regulation EC No. 1/2005) with specific reference to the knowledge and skills required by attendants or drivers on short journeys. |

| Learning Outcome The Learner will: | To achieve this unit you should have the knowledge and/or skills to: | Assessment Guidance |
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| 1. Know the legal requirements and responsibilities covering horse health and welfare during transportation | 1.1 Outline the legislation relating to the transport of horses | Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The documentation required • When authorisation is needed • When a journey log or other documentation is required • How to complete the documentation • How to maintain records • The requirements in relation to animal accommodation • Who to approach for advice and guidance |
| | 1.2 State the principles of vehicle operation for the transport of horses | |
| | 1.3 Identify who is responsible for the welfare of the horses and what that responsibility entails | |
| | 1.4 State the powers of enforcement, the restrictions and penalties that apply | |
| | 1.5 Describe the requirements for rest, feed and water and how to maintain horse welfare during transportation | |
| | 1.6 Describe the authorisation and recording requirements for transporters | |

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| 2. Understand horse stress and how to deal with it | 2.1 Describe the normal behaviour of horses | To include how stress can be avoided and the actions to take in order to reduce stress |
| | 2.2 Define what stress is in horses, the indicators of stress and ill-health and the impact it may have upon their behaviour | |
| | 2.3 Identify the causes of stress and how to recognise signs of stress in horses | |
| 3. Know how to effectively plan and implement the transportation of horses | 3.1 Describe how to plan a journey | To include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The principles of journey planning • Time taken to load and unload • Documentation • The impact of changing conditions • Contingency plans |
| | 3.2 Define the maximum travelling times and required periods of rest | |
| 4. Understand safe, efficient and effective vehicle loading, operation and control | 4.1 Identify a vehicle that is suitable for the transport of horses | To include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of appropriate use of aids • Understanding of basic rules when handling horses |
| | 4.2 Describe the considerations that should be taken into account when operating and controlling a vehicle transporting horses and loading and unloading the horses | |
| | 4.3 State the importance of driving skills in relation to horse safety and welfare | |
| | 4.4 Describe the importance of cleaning and disinfecting vehicles and when it is necessary to do so | |
| | 4.5 Describe appropriate methods of handling horses during loading and unloading | |

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| 5. Understand the welfare requirements for horses before, during and after transportation | 5.1 Identify when a horse is unfit | <p>Identify the importance of headroom and lighting</p> <p>State why it is important to adjust ventilation</p> |
| | 5.2 State the common indicators of the horse being unfit for transport | |
| | 5.3 Describe when it is permissible to transport sick/injured horses and how to deal with sick horses during transportation | |
| | 5.4 Describe the space allowances including headroom for horses during transport and the effects of overcrowding and under stocking | |
| | 5.6 Identify the effect of and the importance of temperature upon a horse's welfare both inside and outside of the vehicle | |
| | 5.7 Identify when it may be necessary to seek help during the transport of horses and who to contact | |

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| General Notes |
| This is a knowledge only based unit. |



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