



Racing Groom – Level 2 Apprenticeship

At level 2 the role is wide-ranging and ensures that upon completion an apprentice has:

The knowledge of:

- The Thoroughbred racehorse as a high-performance equine athlete and the specific exercise regimes used in the racing industry to prepare and train horses to race.
- The specific routines for working in a racing yard and taking horses racing including how to care for horses prior to and after strenuous work and racecourse performance.
- The regulatory requirements for adhering to industry policy and practice, including security procedures in the yard, at the races and at public sales venues.
- Technical racing terms and vocabulary, the racing industry structure, and key organisations.
- The industry protocol for taking a horse racing and how to lead up a Thoroughbred racehorse at the races.

The skills to:

- Handle Thoroughbred racehorses in and out of full training.
- Fit a variety of specialist racing equipment and tack.
- Carry out the specific routines required in a racing yard and in taking horses racing, complying with industry regulatory requirements, policy, and practice.
- Provide exercise regimes to racehorses as directed and effectively care for horses prior to and after strenuous work and racecourse performance.
- Prepare and lead up a Thoroughbred racehorse at the races in accordance with industry practice and the Rules of Racing.
- Provide after race care including compliance with industry regulations and post-race dope testing procedures.

In addition, apprentices will be required to select one of two racing pathways as follows:- Racing Exercise Groom- Provide ridden exercise regimes to Thoroughbred racehorses according to instructions, safely and in control, with a good, secure, and balanced position, in line with yard and industry practice. Support the work of the Racing Yard Based Grooms. Maintain industry weight requirements and be sufficiently fit to ride for up to six hours a day.

Racing Yard Based Groom – Provide non-ridden exercise regimes to Thoroughbred racehorses safely and according to instruction. Support the work of the Racing Exercise Grooms. Contribute to yard-based industry record-keeping, operate equipment, machinery, and technology appropriately to assist with the effective organisation and maintenance of the commercial racing business premises.

All apprentices will be entering professional employment in this popular industry; receiving a contract of employment and being paid in line with the [Apprentice National Minimum Wage](#) and current [Government guidance](#). Working in the equine industry requires dedication and commitment, as well as, learning and adhering to safe working practices, being flexible and prepared to work in all weather conditions.