



Level 2 Equine Groom

This apprenticeship offers practical experience in grooming, feeding, and general horse care, providing a solid foundation for those wishing to pursue a career within the equine industry. Learners will benefit from mentorship and guidance from experienced professionals and an assigned Trainer Coach, whilst working hands-on with horses or ponies every day. As a paid employee they will enjoy the same privileges as other staff members, including holiday and regular wages. Whether the ambition is to become a professional groom, pursue further qualifications, or even run an equine business one day, this course lays the groundwork for career advancement opportunities within the equine sector.

An Equine Groom will learn to develop a range of abilities, including:

Knowledge Development

- The core principles of horse care including feeding, watering, and grooming
- Routine yard and field duties, and horse husbandry
- Equine terminology used to describe horses
- A variety of non-ridden exercise procedures
- Common workplace saddlery, equipment and clothing used and how to maintain it

Skills Enrichment

- Handle horses in the workplace: tying up, leading, trotting up, turning out and catching in
- Demonstrate trimming and plaiting
- Assess suitability of environments for horses, including checking for hazards
- Fit a variety of common saddlery, equipment and horse clothing
- Work safely and efficiently, complying with current health, safety and security procedures



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Functional Skills

Maths and English qualifications are an integral element of the apprenticeship standards.

These are implemented by Haddon Training's dedicated Functional Skills team and will be delivered either as individual or group sessions, depending on the learner's requirements. If the learner has completed Functional Skills previously or can provide suitable evidence, such as GCSE certificates or similar, they may be exempt from completing this element of the qualification.

Functional Skills	
Learners will need to complete:	
English	Level 1
Maths	Level 1

Qualification Overview

To achieve the Level 2 Equine Groom qualification, the learner must complete:

- All mandatory modules including any necessary Functional Skills.
- One additional module based on the chosen optional pathway.
- All core behaviours.
- The End Point Assessment, in which all components must be passed.

The apprenticeship is awarded through the successful completion of an End Point Assessment (EPA). This consists of:

- An online, multiple choice knowledge test.
- A practical observation – where an independent EPA Assessor will watch and assess the learner completing a variety of tasks in the workplace.
- A professional discussion – which will take place immediately after the observation and will involve a discussion with the independent EPA Assessor to further examine the learner's knowledge.

The qualification will take a minimum of 13 months to complete, dependent on a learner's prior knowledge and skills recorded on a skill scan and individual learning plan.

Mandatory Modules Overview

Knowledge and skills outline
Safe working practices
Yard and field routines and duties
Horse anatomy, physiology, and welfare
Horse handling, care, and appearance
Saddlery and equipment
Travelling horses
Non-ridden exercise

Optional Pathways

A choice to pursue a specialist area to focus on:
Breeding
Riding
Non-riding
Racing

Core Behaviours

Personal and employability skills
Safe working
Work ethic
Responsibility
Teamwork
Communication

For an in-depth view of the knowledge, skills, behaviours for the Equine Groom apprenticeship, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/EquineGroomL2>

*Please note employers 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 with us on to:

- Level 3 Senior Equine Groom
- Level 3 Apprenticeship in Equestrian Sporting Excellence (AESE)
- Level 3 Team Leader
- Level 3 Business Administrator within Racing
- Level 2 Customer Service

Or explore further opportunities available elsewhere in horse care, such as the BHS Stages (which we can provide discounted direct entry to*).

*The pathway chosen for the Haddon Training equine apprenticeship will determine what aspects of the BHS qualification that individuals can gain direct entry to. Please ask us about our BHS partnership for further information.



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