

## Resources needed for EPA – Senior Equine Groom

The purpose of this document is to provide employers and learners with a list of equipment, facilities and horses needed both for training purposes during the learner's apprenticeship and on the day of the learner's End Point Assessment.

The practical observation will take place at the learner's work location. It is expected that the learner will wear the **relevant PPE** and **not** wear any jewellery.

The professional discussion will follow the observation. The learner will need access to a quiet area where they can sit with the assessor and the learner will not be distracted.

<b><u>Mandatory Tasks</u></b>	
<b><u>Task</u></b>	<b><u>Requirements</u></b>
Assessing Conformation	Horse/Pony /Suitable area to assess static and dynamic conformation Assistant to lead horse/Head-collar/Lead-rope/Bridle
Removing a shoe (simulated)	Horse/pony /Tie up area Buffer/Hammer/Pincers
Assessing grazing land – Turning out and Catching in	Suitable turnout area e.g. field or a turnout pen. /Suitable horse/pony Head collar and lead rope/Bridle and/or chifney if required Rugs/boots as required/Hoof pick/Grooming kit
Monitor, maintain and assess quality of stock	Access to the feed room and hay barn Wheelbarrow/Horse bedding e.g bag of shavings/bedding or bale of straw/Bag of feed
Lungeing	Suitable horse to lunge and improve performance /Suitable area to lunge Tack & equipment relevant to that horse e.g – bridle, saddle/roller, cavesson, brushing boots, side reins, Pessoa, De-Gogue, Chambon, Bungee - depending on workplace requirements Lunge line /Lunge whip
Organise, supervise, and carry out feeding, watering, and haying	Access to the feed and hay barn Feeding utensils eg feed buckets, weighing scales, stirrer, feed chart Hay/haylage nets/Water buckets/automatic waterers Equipment to clean the feed/ hay areas eg broom, shovel, wheelbarrow, skip/Feed/Water/Hay/haylage
Organise, supervise, and carry out mucking out	Horse/pony /Stable that requires mucking out/Muck heap/trailer Mucking out equipment eg shavings fork, pitchfork, wheelbarrow, gloves, scooper, yard blower, broom, hand tools Any relevant machinery that is used within the workplace Water buckets/automatic waterers /Feed buckets/mangers Horse bedding as required /Water/Hay/haylage/feed
Arrival of a new horse	Horse/pony to be unloaded from transport and initially assessed Stable /Area to carry out an initial assessment Bridle/Thermometer/Stethoscope/Pen/Pencil/Paper/Weigh tape/Passport Hoof pick/Hay/Haylage/Stable bedding/Water
Assess the health and welfare of a horse	Tie up area /May need an assistant Bridle/Thermometer/Stethoscope/Pen/Pencil/Paper/Weigh tape Hoof pick/Watch
Assist with industry specialists	This assessment will need to take place whilst a healthcare professional is treating the horse. This can include – farrier, physio, vet, dentist, or any other specialist Suitable horse requiring treatment Methods of restraint (head collar, lead rope, bridle/chifney)

Identify and discuss superficial muscle and structure of the lower leg	Horse/pony /Tie up area Head collar and lead rope
Plan and implement diets	Access to the feed room/Access to the hay barn Weighing scales/Feed chart/Hay/haylage nets/Pen/Paper Feed/Hay/haylage
Transporting horses	Horse/pony to load and unload/Horse box or trailer Headcollar and lead rope/Travel boots or bandages /Tail bandage Travel rug/Tail guard if used /Poll guard if used Methods of restraint if required /Bedding/Feed/Hay/Feed buckets Water bucket/Equine first aid kit/Human first aid kit/Passports
Clip a horse/pony	Horse/pony to clip /Assistant where necessary Well lit, safe area for clipping with access to electric socket. Clippers/Clipper oil/Extension lead/Circuit breaker/Grooming kit/Buckets
Preparing a horse to competition standard	Horse/pony suitable to plait a mane and tail with bands or thread Well lit, safe area for trimming, pulling, plaiting, and grooming Blunt ended scissors/Hand held trimmers/Comb/Solo comb Plaiting bands/Plaiting needle/Plaiting thread/Quarter marks Grooming kit
Providing healthcare treatments	Horse/ pony suitable for cold hosing, 'tubbing', poulticing, bandages and receiving oral and topical treatments Tack and equipment relevant to that horse –headcollar, lead rope, bridle, chifney Hose/Bucket suitable for 'tubbing'/Stable bandages/Syringe/Water Epsom salts Poultice, vet wrap, duct tape Oral treatments (if required, otherwise simulation may be used) Topical treatments (if required, otherwise simulation may be used) Saline solution (should simulation be required) Cotton wool (should simulation be required)

### **Non-Riding Pathway**

Carry out office duties – budgets	The systems required for managing a budget A variety of office equipment eg: laptop, PC, tablet Access to IT software eg: MS Excel or another spreadsheet package
Carry out office duties – process information	The systems required for processing information A variety of office equipment eg: Telephone, filing cabinet, files, paper, pen, diary system, IT systems
Communicate the requirements of a maintenance programme	Assistant to carry out maintenance activity – apprentice will be assessed on their supervising and communication skills Tools and equipment required for the task
Create a maintenance programme for the workplace	A suitable area to work on a computer Computer/Pen/Paper/Electric
Create and review a fitness programme	Suitable area to record work and fitness programme Pen/Pencil/Computer/Paper
Identify customer needs – face to face and on the telephone	The apprentice will need to be able to deal with a customer face to face. The apprentice will need to be able to deal with a customer over the telephone. The customer can be another member of the yard and their performance will not be marked, the apprentice will be marked on how they communicate and engage with the customer.

	Telephone
Review customer service	An individual to discuss feedback requirements with Customers /Relevant IT equipment/Pen/Paper
Using a horse walker	Horse Walker Horse/pony suitable to put on the Horse Walker Headcollar and lead rope /Any other equipment required for the specific horse
Long reining	Area suitable to long rein Horse/pony suitable for long rein exercise Tack and equipment relevant to that horse e.g bridle, saddle/roller, cavesson, brushing boots, side reins – depending on workplace requirements Lunge lines/Lunge whip (if required)
Walking in hand	Suitable area for walking in hand Horse/pony suitable for walking in hand Tack or equipment relevant to that horse e.g bridle, chifney, headcollar, lead rope, lunge line, boots - depending on workplace requirements
Organise an event	Suitable office or area for task Details and requirements for an event within workplace
Implement, review, and use a rehabilitation plan	Rehabilitation plan/Exercise area /Rehabilitation horse Appropriate rehabilitation/recuperation equipment specific to the horse e.g. Magnetic therapy, Solarium, Poles, Massage pads Tack and equipment for the specific horse Lungeing aids
Plan an event	An event that needs planning Access to IT and office supplies
Post business updates on social media	An update that is required for social media Relevant IT equipment
Research and make recommendations for new suppliers and supplies	Area to carry out research Computer/Phone /Internet/Paper/Pen
Write an advert for publication	Suitable office/ location to complete task Appropriate IT/ word processing equipment or stationery (eg pens, paper) Specification for advert to be written linked to employer An individual to review and provide feedback for apprentice to respond to.

<b>Riding Pathway</b>	
Clean and prepare saddlery and equipment	Suitable area to clean tack and equipment /Tack and equipment to clean Suitable tack and equipment cleaning materials as per workplace requirements e.g. sponge, saddle soap, water brush, warm water, oil, metal polish, cloths
Ride horses on the flat	Enclosed working area, minimum of 20m x 40x. Safe surface. Letters. Two experienced horses with suitable tack including neck strap or martingale.
Select and fit discipline specific saddlery and equipment	Secure area for tacking up and untacking Suitable horse Suitable tack and equipment – discipline specific
Ride over poles	A safe, enclosed riding area, jump poles, wings, cups (safety cups if back rail used) Suitable horse with appropriate tack
Ride over a course of show jumps	If doing jumping pathway

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Ride over a course of cross-country fences	If doing jumping pathway A variety of safe cross country fences as per BE regulations Suitable horse with appropriate tack

<b>Breeding Pathway</b>	
Assess, inspect, and evaluate a foal	Foal that can be seen loose in walk and trot Assistant to handle the mare and foal Suitable equipment for method of restraint and exercise
Assess, inspect, and evaluate a stallion	Stallion that can be seen in at least walk and trot e.g. loose in the school, on the lunge. Assistant will be required to handle the stallion Suitable methods of restraint/equipment needed
Assess, inspect, and evaluate a breeding mare	Mare that can be seen in at least walk and trot. Suitable methods of restraint
Assess, inspect, and evaluate a young horse	Young horse that can be seen in at least walk and trot either in-hand, loose in the school or on the lunge Suitable methods of restraint
Assist with Covering	Suitable covering area Assistant Mare and stallion (if natural covering) Covering boots, neck shield, twitch, bridle, head collar, hobble, tail bandage Any other methods of restraint or equipment that the stud uses throughout the covering process
Assist with foaling	Foaling box that needs to be prepared ready for a mare that is due to foal Foaling kit: scissors, towels, vets number, thermometer, string, foal rug, heat lamps, Iodine spray, tail bandage, sponge, paper, and pen Mucking out tools
Assist with Weaning	Stables and/or fields that are suitable for the weaning process Restraint methods needed for individual horses
Care for an orphan foal	Foaling box that needs to be prepared ready for a foster mare and foal Foster mare and orphan foal Suitable restraint methods
Lead and control a young horse	Foal or youngstock that is available to be led Assistant Head collar and lead rope Any other methods of restraint that is appropriate for the allocated horses
Prepare the foaling environment	Foaling box that needs to be prepared ready for a mare that is due to foal Foaling kit: scissors, towels, vets number, thermometer, string, foal rug, heat lamps, purple spray Mucking out tools
Teasing	Suitable area to perform teasing Stallion Mare Assistant Methods of restraint e.g. headcollar, bridle, chifney

<b><u>Racing Pathway – Exercise Groom</u></b>	
Accompany a horse to the sales	A horse at the sales/A stable Grooming kit/Washing equipment/Plaiting equipment Relevant tack
Demonstrate pre-race routines, parade ring etiquette and practice*	A variety of racehorses at the racecourse All tack e.g bridle/chifney, lead rope, paddock sheet, boots and any equipment specific to the horse Equipment – grooming kit, plaiting equipment
Follow Admin Procedures on Race Day	A horse that is ready to attend a racecourse Any required tack or equipment All required paperwork including passport and stable pass
Follow Post-Race Unsaddling Procedures*	A horse returning from a race/Suitable tack and equipment Washing down equipment/Sponge/Sweat scraper/First aid equipment
Introduce Young Racehorses to a Variety of Equipment	Young horse/Experienced member of the team to lead the task Variety of tack and equipment to include, but not limited to: Breaking bit, Snaffle bit, Bridle, Roller, Breaking saddle, Exercise saddle Boots
Prepare a horse for the sales	A horse to go to the sales/Tack or Equipment Plaiting equipment/Washing equipment/Grooming kit
Prepare a horse for the parade ring*	Racehorse that requires preparation for the parade ring Specialist racing tack /Specialist racing equipment Bucket /Sponge/Cooling rug Lead up at the races
Provide care to racehorses after strenuous work*	A horse returning from strenuous exercise /Assistant if required Suitable restraint as per workplace requirements Variety of rugs dependent on the weather conditions Sponges /Sweat scraper /Buckets /Washdown area /Grooming kit
Tack and Untack a Variety of Horses Using Specialist Racing Equipment*	Racehorses Specialist racing tack to include a range of bits, racing saddles, protective boots, bridles, martingales / breast plates Specialist racing equipment to include specialist headwear, a range of nosebands Specialist racing training aids
Ride a variety of racehorses to improve performance	Racehorse(s) Access to the gallops Other horses and riders (for riding in a pair or group) Exercise plan/Tack – appropriate to the horse
School a variety of racehorses over obstacles  OR	Racehorse(s) Access to obstacles/ Other horses and riders Exercise plan or trainer instruction Tack – appropriate to the horse
School a variety of racehorses through stalls	Racehorse(s) Access to the stalls/Other horses and riders Exercise plan or trainer instruction Tack – appropriate to the horse

<b><u>Racing Pathway – Yard Based</u></b>	
Accompany a horse to the sales	A horse at the sales/A stable Grooming kit/Washing equipment/Plaiting equipment Relevant tack

Demonstrate pre-race routines, parade ring etiquette and practice*	A variety of racehorses at the racecourse All tack e.g bridle/chifney, lead rope, paddock sheet, boots and any equipment specific to the horse Equipment – grooming kit, plaiting equipment
Follow Admin Procedures on Race Day	A horse that is ready to attend a racecourse Any required tack or equipment All required paperwork including passport and stable pass
Follow Post-Race Unsaddling Procedures*	A horse returning from a race/Suitable tack and equipment Washing down equipment/Sponge/Sweat scraper/First aid equipment
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Develop, Implement and Review a Training Plan for a Racehorse	Apprentice to be provided with a variety of horses' that are in different stages of training to enable three separate plans to be used as evidence, a plan should be created, another implemented, and a final plan should be reviewed. If portfolio evidence is presented, then one plan can be followed through its entire journey. Trainers /Other colleagues /Access to training facilities Resources to create a training plan either by hand or using IT
Organise the use of facilities and resources used to train racehorses	Training areas Training facilities Horses Colleagues / Trainers The equipment required to write a daily plan, either handwritten or using IT