



Level 3 Senior Equine Groom

For those looking to deepen their understanding and refine their skills within horse care, this apprenticeship offers advanced training and knowledge development. From mastering high-level grooming techniques to developing a keen eye for equine health and welfare, every day presents an exciting new challenge. Participants will immerse themselves in practical experience whilst being supported by their employer and assigned Trainer Coach, enabling them to expand their skills whilst being employed and pursuing their passion. Beyond the stables, this qualification opens doors to further career opportunities within the industry.

A Senior Equine Groom will acquire a broad range of advanced capabilities, including:

Knowledge Development

- Procedures for grooming, clipping, trimming, pulling and plaiting a range of horses
- The organisation of yard and field duties, rotas, and routines
- The practice of various forms of non-ridden exercise including lungeing and long reining
- Fitness requirements and programmes for a variety of horses in different disciplines
- Anatomy and physiology, to include main superficial muscles, and the respiratory and circulatory systems

Skills Enrichment

- Supervise and carry out all yard and field duties, day to day rotas and routines
- Plan and implement diets and feeding regimes
- Administer first aid and treatments under veterinary advice to include dressings
- Prepare a range of horses for different types of work or competition
- Coordinate the preparation for travelling horses including supplies and equipment

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. Functional Skills in maths and English for those aged 16-18 years old are a mandatory part of apprenticeships in England unless learners already hold a qualification in these areas at the required level. For learners aged 19 and over, Functional Skills are optional.

Functional Skills	
Learners will need to complete:	
English	Level 2
Maths	Level 2

Qualification Overview

To achieve the Level 3 Senior 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 Apprenticeship Assessment, in which all components must be passed.

The apprenticeship is awarded through the successful completion of an Apprenticeship Assessment. This consists of:

- An online, multiple choice knowledge test.
- A practical observation – where an independent 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 Assessor to further examine the learner's knowledge.

The qualification will take a minimum of 15 months (plus 3 months to complete assessment), 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 management
Horse anatomy, physiology, and welfare
Horse handling, care, and appearance
Nutrition and fitness
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 Senior Equine Groom apprenticeship, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/Snr-Equine-Groom>

*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.

The Principles of Transporting Horses by Road on Short Journeys

As part of this qualification, we offer the opportunity to also gain a certificate of competence in the welfare of transporting horses on short journeys at no extra charge. This additional qualification enables our apprentices to be assessed and meet the legal requirements for transporting horses on journeys over forty miles but taking less than eight hours.

Progression

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

- Level 3 Team Leader
- Level 3 Business Administrator within Racing
- Level 3 Apprenticeship in Equestrian Sporting Excellence (AESE)

Or explore further opportunities available elsewhere in horse care, such as:

- BHS Stages (which we can provide discounted direct entry to*)
- Equine Science
- Equine Business

*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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