



Level 2 Racing

Discover how to assist and care for horses in the racing industry, whilst learning on the job as a paid employee. This qualification is designed to ensure that our apprentices become confident in applying the knowledge and skills taught to care for Thoroughbred racehorses. Approved by The British Horseracing Authority (BHA), this apprenticeship meets the requirements for jockeys in England, who must hold a relevant qualification at this level to compete.

A Racing Groom will gain a comprehensive understanding of different topics and learn how to utilise them, including:

Knowledge Development

- The Thoroughbred racehorse as a high-performance equine athlete
- 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
- 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 racehorse at the races

Skills Enrichment

- 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
- Provide exercise regimes to racehorses as directed and effectively care for horses prior to and after work and racecourse performance
- Prepare and lead up a racehorse at the races in line with industry practice and the Rules of Racing

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 1
Maths	Level 1

Qualification Overview

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

- All mandatory modules.
- 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:

- Online, multiple choice knowledge test.
- Practical observation - where your Independent Assessor will watch and assess you completing a variety of tasks in your workplace.
- Professional discussion - which will take place immediately after your observation and will involve a discussion with your Independent Assessor to further examine your knowledge.

The qualification will take a minimum of 12 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 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 either riding or non-riding
Exercise groom
Yard-based groom

Core Behaviours

Personal and employability skills
Safe working
Work ethic
Responsibility
Teamwork
Communication

For an in-depth view of the knowledge, skills, behaviours and pathway options for the Racing Groom apprenticeship, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/EquineGroom>

*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 in competence in the welfare of transporting horses 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 8 hours.

Progression

Upon completion, learners could progress to the following qualifications if they are in a suitable role:

- Level 3 Senior Racing Groom
- Level 3 BHA Business Administration with Racing
- Level 3 Team Leader/Supervisor