



# Level 3

## Senior Racing Groom

Progress in a senior role within the racing industry, and extend the knowledge and skills learnt to include coordinating and supervising the day-to-day care of Thoroughbred racehorses. Approved by The British Horseracing Authority (BHA), this apprenticeship meets the requirements for trainers in England, who must hold a relevant qualification at this level.

A Senior Racing Groom will acquire an extensive grasp of various subjects and master their application, including:

### Knowledge Development

- The supervision of 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 early education of the racehorse including the breaking and training process
- The effective supervision of horses and staff in the racing yard, on the gallops, at the races and at public sales venues
- The Orders and Rules of Racing, technical racing terms and vocabulary, racing industry structure and organisation

### Skills Enrichment

- Handle Thoroughbred racehorses in and out of full training, including young horses and those with training problems
- Contribute to the early education and effective training of the horse to prepare for, and improve racecourse performance
- Assist in introducing young horses to equipment and tack
- Ensure compliance with all industry regulatory requirements at the races or sales
- Prepare horses at the race and assist with saddling up and the parade ring procedures
- 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               |         |
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| Learners will need to complete: |         |
| English                         | Level 2 |
| Maths                           | Level 2 |

## 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 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

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| A choice to pursue either riding or non-riding |
| Senior exercise groom                          |
| Senior yard-based groom                        |

## Core Behaviours

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|-----------------------------------|
| 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 Senior Racing Groom apprenticeship, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/Senior-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.e.

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