



Level 2

The Principles of Transporting Horses on Long Journeys (Attendant)

This Level 2 award is designed for journeys longer than eight hours. It formally recognises the knowledge, confidence and skills needed to transport horses at the legally required standard as an attendant.

This covers:

- The legislation and procedures for transporting horses
- How to care for and ensure the welfare of horses before, during and after transportation
- How to correctly plan and prepare for a journey
- How to safely load and unload horses for transport
- The due care and attention needed for the welfare of horses whilst being transported on a public highway
- How to maintain equine transport in a hygienic condition

This is a theory and practical based qualification that requires participants to demonstrate practical skills such as loading and unloading.

Learners must be aged sixteen or over to apply.

Qualification Overview

To achieve the Level 2 Award in The Principles of Transporting Horses on Long Journeys (Attendant), the learner must complete:

- An online multiple choice test paper.
- A practical demonstration of preparing a horse to travel including loading/unloading.
- Observation of a journey to demonstrate the ability to maintain horse welfare during transport.

Assessment Specification

Learning outcomes
Be able to support the welfare requirements for horses before, during and after transportation
Know the legal requirements and responsibilities covering horse health and welfare during transportation
Know how to plan a long journey transporting horses by road
Understand how to prepare horses for travel by road on long journeys
Understand safe, efficient and effective loading and unloading of horses for travel
Be able to support the welfare requirements for horses before, during and after transportation
Maintain equine transport in a hygienic condition
Know about contingency planning for horse transport

For an in-depth view of The Principles in Transporting Horses on Long Journeys qualification, please visit: <https://ht.haddontraining.co.uk/HorseTransportLongAttendant>

Evidence for assessment must take place in realistic working conditions.

Tests are conducted at your location, or at a suitable chosen location for a group.

Animal welfare legislation requires that anybody who transports horses for the purpose of economic activity (which is for any business purpose, regardless of whether the business makes a profit) MUST hold a Certificate of Competence for the handling and transporting of horses. Both drivers and handlers ('attendants') are required to undertake training to ensure that they understand the required elements of animal welfare whilst transporting horses.

General Terms and Conditions

The Principles of Transporting Horses on Long Journeys and The Principles of Transporting Horses by Road on Short Journeys qualifications meet UK regulation and are approved by the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA).

To support your readiness for these assessments we will provide you with a formal hard-copy training manual. We do not provide any separate training.

Conditions required at an examination site are:

A safe environment with a suitable, warm, dry, and quiet room in which to sit the invigilated test paper. Sufficient space must be provided for more than one candidate if applicable.

Long Journey Specifics

Mandatory premises requirements
Suitable horse (or horses if multiple candidates)
Travelling equipment
Appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for the attendant
Suitable transport that meets all legal requirements for demonstrating transport on the road

A booking is secure when a payment is made, and this must be at least fourteen days prior to any anticipated test date.

If you wish to proceed, please complete the registration and booking forms promptly so that a test date can be confirmed.

For full payment terms, please refer to our Pricing and Payment Terms document.



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