



Level 2

The Principles of Transporting Horses on Short Journeys

This level 2 award is designed for journeys over forty miles but taking less than eight hours. It officially recognises the knowledge, confidence and skills needed to transport horses at the legally required standard as an attendant or driver.

The assessment criteria includes:

- The legislation relating to horse welfare during transportation
- The indicators of a horse's health that would prevent travel
- The appropriate handling equipment for horses being loaded and unloaded
- Journey plans and the requirements of transporter authorisation certificates

This is a theory-based qualification that requires participants to demonstrate their knowledge. Learners must be aged sixteen or over to apply.

Guided learning hours

The Guided Learning Hours (GLA) for this qualification are 20.

These are the recommended hours spent studying and preparing for your assessment, supported by the provided learning resources.

Qualification Overview

To achieve the Level 2 award in The Principles of Transporting Horses by Road on Short Journeys, the learner must complete:

- An online multiple choice test paper

Assessment Specification

Learning outcomes
Know the legal requirements and responsibilities covering horse health and welfare during transportation
Know how to plan a short journey transporting horses by road
Understand how to prepare horses for travel by road on short journeys
Understand safe, efficient and effective vehicle loading, operation, control and unloading
Know about contingency plans

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

Tests will be invigilated and must be conducted under exam conditions at either your yard or in a professional meeting room.

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.

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

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