

Racehorse Care – Level 2 Apprenticeship/ Gofal Racehorse - Prentisiaeth Lefel 2

At level 2 the apprenticeship is designed to provide you with the skills and knowledge required to gain employment working with racehorses in the racing industry. There is a variety of units to choose from and we have two different pathways that can be selected to focus on your chosen area of work.

Apprentices will be required to select one of two racing pathways as follows: -

- Riding
- Specialist Racehorse Care

You can learn the skills of how to:

- Escort racehorses to race meetings (Riding Pathway or Specialist Racehorse Care Pathway)
- Care for racehorses after racing (Riding Pathway or Specialist Racehorse Care Pathway)
- Ride racehorses on roads or tracks under supervision (Riding Pathway)
- Exercise racehorses under supervision (Riding Pathway)
- Assist with the on-going specialist care of racehorses (Specialist Racehorse Care Pathway)
- Assist with the care of racehorses after strenuous exercise (Specialist Racehorse Care Pathway)

Your training and assessment will take place in both a classroom-type environment and within a stable yard.

You will learn the knowledge to:

- understand the principles of stable routines, including mucking out, grooming, selecting bedding and caring for a horse after exercise, and any associated health and safety procedures
- understand the principles of basic horse health and welfare, including recognising signs of good health and ill health in a horse
- understand the principles of watering and feeding horses, covering a range of foodstuffs
- understand the principles of care and fitting of saddlery and horse clothing, and the consequences of using poor fitting equipment
- understand the principles of employment rights and responsibilities in the land-based industries
- understand the principles of health and safety in the horse industry

All apprentices will be entering professional employment in this popular industry; receiving a contract of employment and being paid in line with the [Apprentice National Minimum Wage](#) and current [Government guidance](#). Working in the equine industry requires dedication and commitment, as well as, learning and adhering to safe working practices, being flexible and prepared to work in all weather conditions.

