

Resources needed for EPA – Equine Groom

The purpose of this document is to provide employers and learners with a list of equipment, facilities and horses needed both for training purposes during the learner’s apprenticeship and on the day of the learner’s End Point Assessment.

The practical observation will take place at the learner’s work location. It is expected that the learner will wear the **relevant PPE** and **not** wear any jewellery.

The professional discussion will follow the observation. The learner will need access to a quiet area where they can sit with the assessor and the learner will not be distracted

<u>Mandatory Tasks</u>	
<u>Task</u>	<u>Requirements</u>
Mucking out a stable	Access to a stable that requires mucking out – with or without a horse Mucking out equipment /Water buckets/automatic waterers /Feed buckets/mangers /New bedding /Hay/haylage/feed
Providing Feed and Water	Access to the feed room, hay barn and to a stable or field /Feeding utensils Hay/haylage nets/Water buckets/automatic waterers Equipment to clean the feed room or hay areas
Assessing Grazing - Turning Out and Catching In	Suitable turnout area e.g. field or a turnout pen. /Suitable horse/pony/Head collar and lead rope/Bridle and/or chifney if required /Rugs/boots as required
Arrival of a new horse	Thermometer/Stethoscope/Pen/pencil/Paper/Weigh tape or scales if possible Passport if possible /Assistant to lead horse up
Grooming	Grooming kit – body brush, dandy brush, rubber curry comb, metal curry comb, sponge, hoof-pick, mane comb
Plaiting	Horse/pony available with suitable mane and tail for plaiting /Tie up area Grooming kit /Plaiting equipment – either plaiting bands or needle and thread
Trimming	Horse/pony available suitable for trimming either feathers, bridle path or tail Grooming kit/Trimming equipment eg scissors, comb, trimmers, clippers, pulling rake, solo-comb, stool
Tacking up and untacking	Tie up area /Tack /Boots
Caring for tack	Sponges/Buckets/Bridle (to include noseband and reins) Saddle and Bridle hook/Saddle horse/Water/Saddle soap/Oil
Bandaging	Stable bandage/Exercise bandage /Tail bandage /Padding
Lungeing	Horse/ pony suitable for lungeing /Suitable area to lunge a horse for exercise Tack and equipment relevant to that horse – bridle, saddle/roller, cavesson, brushing boots, side reins, Pessoa, De-Gogue, Chambon, Bungee – depending on workplace requirements /Lunge line /Lunge whip
Travelling Horses	Suitable horse for loading and unloading/Horsebox or trailer /Headcollar and lead rope/Travel boots or bandages /Tail bandage/Travel rug/Tail guard if used /Poll guard if used /Methods of restraint if required
Horse Walker	Suitable horse/pony/Horse walker/Headcollar
Leading in hand	Suitable Horse/pony and area /Tack or equipment required eg bridle, chifney, headcollar, lead rope, lunge line, boots

Assist with medical treatments and other industry specialists	A suitable horse/pony to demonstrate cold hosing, 'tubbing', poulticing, and leading in hand in walk and trot/Hose/ Bucket suitable for 'tubbing'/Epsom salts/Poultice/Vet wrap/Duct tape
Rug- up and un - rug	At least one stable and one turn out rug

<u>Non-Riding Pathway</u>	
Assist with storage of supplies	Access to the feed room and hay barn/Wheelbarrow/Horse bedding /Bag of feed
Maintenance of a riding arena	Riding area Tools e.g wheelbarrow, shovel, rake, skip
Identifying customer needs face to face and on the telephone	The apprentice will need to be able to deal with a customer face to face. A customer is required for the assessment. The assessor cannot act as the customer, but the centre can provide a suitable person for this role. Telephone
Assist with office duties and IT systems	Access to the office /A variety of office equipment eg: Telephone, filing cabinet, files, paper, pen, diary system, IT systems IT Equipment eg: Laptop, Desktop Computer, Smart phone, tablet
Yard based record maintenance	A variety of office equipment eg: Telephone, filing cabinet, files, paper, pen, diary system, IT systems
Assist and support riding grooms	A horse and rider available to assist during exercise/Tack and equipment Jumps (poles, wings, cups) if required
Assist with mounting and dismounting	A horse and rider to assist with mounting and dismounting, in a suitable area. Mounting block (where necessary)
Prepare exercise area for riding activity	Riding arena requiring maintenance /Riding arena/Tools e.g wheelbarrow, shovel, rake, skip/Jumps (wings, poles, cups) OR dressage boards

<u>Riding Pathway</u>	
Ride a horse independently in an enclosed arena	Enclosed area /Safe surface /Arena markers Suitable horse/pony with appropriate tack
Ride a horse as part of a group in an enclosed arena	Enclosed area/Safe surface/Arena markers/Appropriate horse/pony with appropriate tack Two or three other riders
Ride in the open	Area to ride outside. Not an outdoor surface. Needs to be a field that is big enough to walk, trot and canter in safely. Access to a gate to open and close Appropriate horse/pony with appropriate tack
Ride over ground poles and a short course of fences	A safe, enclosed riding area/Suitable horse/pony with appropriate tack Ground poles 6 jump poles (maximum height 75cm)/ Jump wings/ Jump cups (safety cups if back rail used)
Ride on the road	Access to a safe road Suitable horse/pony with appropriate tack
Ride and Lead	Suitable riding area

	Suitable, well matched horse/ponies for ride and lead. Correct tack for ride and lead that is appropriate to the allocated horse/ponies
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Breeding Pathway	
Leading the mare through stocks	Fully functioning stocks /Suitable horse/Assistant Restraint methods that are required for the specific horse being used e.g. headcollar/bridle/Tail bandage
Catching a mare and foal, and/or youngstock	Mare and foal or youngstock suitable to be caught /Assistant Head collar and lead rope Any other methods of restraint that is appropriate for the allocated horses
Assist in the restraint of a foal	Suitable area or stable /Mare and foal /Assistant Methods of restraint suitable to the allocated mare and foal e.g. head collar, bridle, towels etc
Assist with teasing	Suitable area to perform teasing /Stallion /Mare /Assistant Methods of restraint e.g. headcollar, bridle, chifney
Assist with covering	Suitable covering area /Assistant /Mare and stallion Covering boots, neck shield, twitch, bridle, head collar, hobble, tail bandage Any other methods of restraint or equipment that the stud uses throughout the covering process Antibacterial wash, rubber gloves
Assist with foaling	Foaling box that needs to be prepared ready for a mare that is due to foal Foaling kit: scissors, towels, vets number, thermometer, string, foal rug, heat lamps, purple spray Mucking out tools /Suitable bedding /Feed /Hay
Prepare a mare, foal or youngstock for sale	Assistant if required /Methods of restraint as required Trimming equipment e.g. clippers, mane comb, scissors Grooming kits including hoof oil, sponges, quarter marks Appropriate tack to stand or run mare/foal up safely Plaiting equipment – bands and/or thread

Racing Pathway – Exercise Groom	
Follow a yard work plan	Access to the yard plan or diary Access to the manager to seek the plan verbally
Follow administration procedures on a race day	Office or area for administration procedures. The Apprentice will need to be able to assist with all admin procedures according to the BHA rules of racing at the racecourse on race day. Appropriate documentation (passport, stable pass etc.) /Racing colours All tack and equipment e.g bridle, paddock sheet, boots, and any equipment specific to that horse Documentation and the relevant connections with the horse will need to be available to instruct/report to as required.
Provide care to racehorse prior to strenuous exercise	Horse available prior to strenuous exercise/Assistant if required Headcollar and Lead rope /Chifney/Bridle Grooming kit /Suitable tack and equipment
Provide care to racehorse after strenuous exercise	Horse returning from strenuous exercise /Assistant if required Headcollar & Lead rope /Chifney/Bridle Variety of rugs dependent on the weather conditions

	Sponges /Sweat scraper /Buckets /Wash down area /Grooming kit (if required) /Shampoo (if required)
Provide care to racehorses after racecourse performance following post- race unsaddling procedures	A racecourse, under BHA rules of racing/Suitable horse returning from a race under rules Washing off equipment e.g sponge, sweat-scraper, buckets/Sheet/rug Any additional equipment that may be required/Water
Demonstrate pre-race routines, parade ring etiquette and practice	Racecourse on race day; the apprentice will need to be able to assist with all pre-race routines according to the BHA rules of racing A suitable horse to be handled and prepared for pre-parade and to demonstrate parade ring etiquette whilst leading up, assisting with mounting, and releasing onto course. All tack e.g bridle/chifney, paddock sheet, boots, and any equipment specific to that horse Equipment – grooming kit, plaiting equipment/Hoof oil
Follow race day dope testing procedures	A racecourse, under BHA rules of racing. Suitable horse with documentation required for dope testing Methods of restraint (bridle/chifney)
Provide exercise regimes to racehorses	Exercise area /A racehorse A group of other racehorses and grooms. Tack – appropriate to the horse

Racing Pathway – Yard Based

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Yard based record maintenance	<p>Office or administration area</p> <p>The systems required for processing information</p> <p>A variety of office equipment eg: telephone, filing cabinet, files, paper, pen, diary system, IT systems</p>