



Level 3

The Principles of Transporting Horses on Long Journeys

This level 3 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/driver.

This covers:

- The legislation and procedures for transporting horses
- How to care for and ensure the welfare of horses during transportation
- How to correctly plan and prepare for a journey
- How to maintain equine transport to prevent and void transmission of diseases
- The due care and attention needed for the welfare of horses whilst being transported on a public highway

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

Learners must be aged seventeen or over to apply.



Qualification Overview

To achieve the Level 3 award in The Principles of Transporting Horses on Long Journeys, the learner must complete:

- An online multiple choice test paper.
- A practical demonstration of preparing a horse to travel including loading/unloading.
- A short journey to demonstrate their ability to consider the horse's welfare during transportation.
- A question-and-answer session with the Assessor.

Assessment Specification

Outline
Know the legislation and administrative procedures that govern the transport of horses
Understand horse stress and how to avoid it
Understand how to effectively plan and prepare for the transport of horses
Be able to effectively plan and prepare for the transportation of horses
Be able to safely load and unload horses
Be able to care for horses during transport
Be able to transport horses safely
Maintain equine transport in a hygienic condition

For an in-depth view of The Principles in Transporting Horses on Long Journeys qualification, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/longdistancetransport>

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 handler
Suitable transport that meets all legal requirements to demonstrate driving on the road

A booking is secure when a payment is made, and this must be at least 14 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.

