



Higher National Unit specification

General information for centres

Unit title: Equine Studies: Driving the Single Turnout

Unit code: DP1F 34

Unit purpose: This Unit is designed to enable candidates to develop knowledge and skills of driving the single horse. The candidate will require demonstrating they can harness up, put to safely (with an assistant) and drive a single turnout safely, using the English coachman's style of driving. The candidate will demonstrate that they are capable of making simple transitions from walk to trot, trot to walk, simple and progressive halts and must be in control of the horse and pony at all times throughout the performance.

On completion of the Unit the candidate should be able to:

- 1 Prepare to drive the single turnout.
- 2 Apply practical driving techniques
- 3 Attend to single turnout after use.

Credit points and level: 2 HN credits at SCQF level 7: (16 SCQF credit points at SCQF level 7*)

**SCQF credit points are used to allocate credit to qualifications in the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF). Each qualification in the Framework is allocated a number of SCQF credit points at an SCQF level. There are 12 SCQF levels, ranging from Access 1 to Doctorates.*

Recommended prior knowledge and skills: It would be useful if the candidate had some experience of driving horses or had appropriate experience assisting others to drive. This may be evidenced by possession of the NC Unit: Assisting Driving the Single Turnout, or similar qualifications and experience.

Core Skills: There are opportunities to develop the Core Skills of *Problem Solving, Numeracy and Communication* in this Unit, although there is no automatic certification of Core Skills or Core Skills components.

Context for delivery: If this Unit is delivered as part of a Group Award, it is recommended that it should be taught and assessed within the subject area of the Group Award to which it contributes.

This Unit is part of the Optional section of the HNC and HND in Equine Studies and will normally be delivered as part of the Group Award/s. It is a free-standing Unit and can be used for the purposes of continuing professional development.

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Assessment: This Unit is assessed holistically by a practical assignment. Due to the nature of this Unit it is paramount that all evidence from each Outcome is evidenced in one single assessment period (three in total); each section can be assessed before moving onto the next. For the purpose of the assessment the candidate only needs to successfully produce evidence that they have driven one horse or pony.

It is recommended that the candidate build a portfolio of practical experience and evidence before completing the practical assessment. This is only a recommendation and not mandatory.

Evidence for all Outcomes in this Unit should be compiled over a period of months and can range from witness testimonies, practical demonstration, assisting competent drivers at competition etc. This could be done in the work place or during work experience Unit. It is recommended that the candidates build up as much experience as possible in driving and dealing with a range of horses and ponies before the assessment. This is not mandatory and at the discretion of the delivering centre.

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The sections of the Unit stating the Outcomes, Knowledge and/or Skills, and Evidence Requirements are mandatory.

Where evidence for Outcomes is assessed on a sample basis, the whole of the content listed in the Knowledge and/or Skills section must be taught and available for assessment. Candidates should not know in advance the items on which they will be assessed and different items should be sampled on each assessment occasion.

Outcome 1

Prepare to drive the single turnout

Knowledge and/or Skills

- ◆ Cleaning of selected items from a single set of harness
- ◆ Assembling a set of harness
- ◆ Naming of both breast and collar and individual parts of the harness
- ◆ Range of cleaning methods, drying, storage and reasons for inspecting
- ◆ Selection of harness and fitting to the horse
- ◆ The horse is 'put to' the vehicle
- ◆ Adjustments
- ◆ Types of vehicle in general use
- ◆ Checking of vehicle for road worthiness and areas of weakness
- ◆ Identification of spare equipment
- ◆ Health and safety

Evidence Requirements

Candidates will need to provide evidence to demonstrate their Knowledge and/or Skills by showing that they can:

- ◆ maintain control of the horse at all times
- ◆ fit and adjust harness safely
- ◆ describe dangers of inappropriate procedures when making adjustments
- ◆ 'put to' safely into the vehicle
- ◆ identify areas of weakness on vehicle
- ◆ balance the vehicle
- ◆ use mounting and dismounting procedure.
- ◆ discuss pros and cons of different methods of mounting
- ◆ explain the importance of adopting a safe driving position
- ◆ explain the role of the groom/passenger for both pleasure/ private during and for competitive/ cross country driving
- ◆ maintain health and safety of the horse, self and others at all times
- ◆ identify spare equipment

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Assessment Guidelines

This Outcome is assessed by observation. The practical application of all the Evidence Requirements should be assessed in one single assessment event. This must be completed before the candidate moves onto being assessed in learning Outcome 2.

Outcome 2

Apply practical driving techniques

Knowledge and/or Skills

- ◆ Use of a single vehicle and horse/pony
- ◆ Use of two wheeled or four wheeled vehicles
- ◆ Reins are taken up appropriately (coachman)
- ◆ Drive horse and vehicles safely and smoothly at an appropriate speed to road conditions
- ◆ Negotiation of safe simulated road hazards and signs
- ◆ A correct position on the simulated road test is maintained
- ◆ Road safety procedures
- ◆ Appropriate hand signals
- ◆ The use of aids
- ◆ The working trot
- ◆ Lengthening and shortening strides, correct bends and progressive halt
- ◆ Health and safety for horse, self and others
- ◆ Application of the Highway Code and Road Traffic Act
- ◆ Procedure in the event of a road traffic accident
- ◆ Methods of general accident prevention
- ◆ The range of hand signals
- ◆ The horse's reaction to working alone or in company
- ◆ Driving rules

Evidence Requirements

Candidates will need to provide evidence to demonstrate their Knowledge and/or Skills by showing that they can:

- ◆ take up reins appropriately (coachman)
- ◆ drive horse and vehicles safely and smoothly at an appropriate speed to road conditions
- ◆ safely negotiate simulated road hazards and signs
- ◆ maintain a safe position on the simulated road test
- ◆ comply with road safety procedures
- ◆ use appropriate hand signals
- ◆ use aids
- ◆ lengthen and shorten strides, correct bends and progressive halt
- ◆ comply with driving rules

Candidates will be required to demonstrate the practical application of all Evidence Requirements in one single assessment event.

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Assessment Guidelines

This Unit is assessed holistically by one practical assessment.

Outcome 3

Attend to single turnout after use

Knowledge and/or Skills

- ◆ The range of hand signals
- ◆ The horse's reaction to working alone or in company
- ◆ Driving rules
- ◆ Health and safety of horse, self and others
- ◆ Inspecting the vehicle for wear and tear
- ◆ Care of the vehicle after use
- ◆ Storage of vehicle after use
- ◆ Storage and care of whip after use

Evidence Requirements

Candidates will need to provide evidence to demonstrate their Knowledge and/or Skills by showing that they can:

- ◆ halt vehicle
- ◆ carry out health and safety procedures and dismounting procedures
- ◆ demonstrate the range of hand signals
- ◆ manage the horse's reaction to working alone or in company
- ◆ comply with driving rules
- ◆ apply procedures for inspection, care and storage of the vehicle

Assessment Guidelines

This Unit is assessed holistically by one practical assessment.

Administrative Information

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Higher National Unit specification: support notes

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This part of the Unit specification is offered as guidance. The support notes are not mandatory.

While the exact time allocated to this Unit is at the discretion of the centre, the notional design length is 80 hours.

Guidance on the content and context for this Unit

This Unit is designed to allow candidates to develop the knowledge and skills required to drive a single turnout. The Unit will cover the preparations required, basic control of the horse and the post-use requirements.

Guidance on the delivery and assessment of this Unit

Outcome 1 focuses on preparing to drive the single turnout. This Outcome introduces the candidates to all the equipment that will be used and its application, safe handling and maintenance. It also prepares the candidate for and includes 'putting to'. Due To the nature of the Unit all evidence in this Outcome must be completed successfully at one single assessment event before progression onto Outcome 2.

Outcome 2 deals with practical driving. This Outcome allows the candidate to demonstrate their practical ability to control and drive safely a single turnout (horse or pony) with the aid of an assistant. Safety is paramount. Due to the nature of the Unit all evidence in this Outcome must be completed successfully at one single assessment event.

Outcome 3 allows the candidate to demonstrate the attention needed to the horse or pony and equipment after use. It is expected that this element is completed once Outcomes 1 and 2 have been completed.

Opportunities for developing Core Skills

There may be opportunities to develop the Core Skills of *Problem Solving*, *Numeracy* and *Communication* in this Unit, however there is no automatic certification of Core Skills or Core Skills components.

Open learning

This is a practical Unit and no provision can be made for delivery at a Distance.

Candidates with disabilities and/or additional support needs

The additional support needs of individual candidates should be taken into account when planning learning experiences, selecting assessment instruments, or considering alternative Outcomes for Units. Further advice can be found in the SQA document *Guidance on Assessment Arrangements for Candidates with Disabilities and/or Additional Support Needs* (www.sqa.org.uk).

General information for candidates

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The candidate will be able to harness up, put to safely (with an assistant) and drive a single turnout safely, using the English coachman's style of driving.

The candidate will be capable of making simple transitions from walk to trot, trot to walk, simple and progressive halts and must be in control of the horse and pony at all times through out the performance.

The candidate will be able to demonstrate attention to the single turnout and its equipment when performance is complete.

On successful completion of the Unit candidates will be able to:

- ◆ prepare to drive the single turnout
- ◆ apply practical driving techniques
- ◆ attend to single turnout after use