

EQUINE / HOIHO Careers in the Equine Industry



WELCOME TO HRNZ GATEWAY PROGRAMME

INTRODUCTION

If you have students who are interested in horses and would like to use equine unit standards towards their NCEA achievements we can assist in providing the necessary contacts, resources, workbooks, assessments, and support to ensure they achieve the required outcomes.

- The New Zealand Equine Education Trust (NZEET) offers training through Gateway and STAR Programmes
- We offer a large range of equine unit standards that can be awarded for NCEA
- We provide equine unit standards to anybody who has a passion or interest in horses, not just harness racing
- We put together a Memorandum of Understanding between NZEET, the school and the student. We can assist the student and co-ordinator in selection of unit standards in relation to level of learning
- We have the ability to source work experience placements for students if required
- Students are given excellent resources/workbooks with embedded literacy and numeracy.
- Excellent support is available for students via email, facebook and phone.

INDUSTRY TRAINING

New Zealand has a reputation for producing world class racehorses that perform with excellence throughout the Australasian and International racing scenes. It is now evident that we are producing stable and stud assistants, drivers and jockeys who are amongst the world's best and even world champions!

The New Zealand Equine Education Trust (NZEET) offer nationally recognised, New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) registered qualifications for the harness racing, thoroughbred racing and breeding sectors.

Our qualifications and unit standards have been developed in consultation with industry. Our training is available to those employed in the industry.

There is a range of careers available in the equine industry including, harness racing driver or trainer, apprentice jockey, racing administrator, horse transport driver, farrier, veterinarian to name just a few. The opportunities and rewards for our top junior drivers and apprentice jockeys are amazing.

An ideal candidate for a career in the equine industry must be passionate about horses. He/she must be dedicated (there are early starts) and he/she must show initiative and must be willing to listen and learn. Working in the equine industry is immensely rewarding whatever the path you may choose.

Our gateway programme is the perfect pathway into a rewarding career with horses.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WE HAVE A RANGE OF LEVEL 2 & 3 UNIT STANDARDS AVAILABLE INCLUDING TWO LEVEL 2 QUALIFICATIONS

STUDENTS CAN ORDER AS LITTLE OR AS MANY UNITS AS APPLICABLE. OUR GATEWAY PROGRAMME IS VERY FLEXIBLE, AND WE PERSONALISE EVERY STUDENTS TRAINING PLAN

WORKBOOKS CAN BE PRINTED OR EMAILED

EVERY UNIT STANDARD ORDERED COMES WITH AN IN-DEPTH WORKBOOK, A THEORY ASSESSMENT AND A PROJECT

FOR UNIT STANDARDS THAT HAVE A PRACTICAL ELEMENT THE STUDENT WILL NEED TO OBTAIN A VERIFIER. THIS COULD BE A PONY CLUB INSTRUCTOR, COACH, KNOWLEDGEABLE ADULT OR PARENT

ON COMPLETION OF THE UNIT THIS IS EMAILED OR POSTED BACK TO THE NZEET/HARNESS RACING NZ GATEWAY CO-ORDINATOR

THE UNIT WILL BE MARKED, AND A PROGRESS REPORT WILL BE SENT WHEN THE STUDENTS HAS COMPLETED THE WORK SUCCESSFULLY

THE SCHOOL REPORTS THE STUDENTS' CREDITS USING NZEET'S PROVIDER CODE

COST IS \$35 GST EXCLUSIVE PER CREDIT WHICH INCLUDES RESOURCES AND MARKING





LEVEL 2 UNIT STANDARDS

LEVEL 2				
US	General Equine Units	Level	Credits	Version
1658*	Demonstrate knowledge of the nature and requirements of a career in the equine industry	2	3	6
1618	Ride a horse for exercise	2	2	6
1623	Prepare a horse for show	2	3	7
1636	Receive, implement health procedures and despatch horses	2	2	6
1648	Clean stables	2	4	6
1656	Groom a horse	2	3	6
1660	Identify, catch, and prepare a horse for exercise	2	5	6
6579	Clean and maintain saddlery for horses	2	2	5
14594	Identify signs of good health and ill health in horses	2	4	5
19945	Lunge a horse for exercise	2	5	3
19949	Identify basic components and functions, and common problems of horses' body systems	2	4	3
19459*	Demonstrate knowledge of, and erect temporary electric fences in an equine environment	2	3	3
23645*	Demonstrate knowledge of the nature of horses	2	4	3
23973	Perform safe working practices with an outside contractor in an equine industry	2	3	2
29165	Apply skills for employment in an equine industry workplace	2	5	2
29166	Provide routine care for horses in stables and/or yards under close supervision	2	22	2
29167	Prepare horses for travel, and load and unload under close supervision	2	4	2
29168	Care for a group of horses in a paddock, and maintain paddocks under close supervision	2	10	2
29170	Prepare harness horses for exercise and provide after care	2	10	3
29171	Carry out routine, minor, or temporary maintenance of equine facilities under close supervision	2	5	2

*THEORY ONLY UNIT

LEVEL 2 QUALIFICATIONS AVAILABLE

- Work Safely Around Horses in an Equine Environment (Level 2)
- New Zealand Equine Industry Equine Skills (Level 2)

LEVEL 3 UNIT STANDARDS

LEVEL 3				
US	General Equine Units	Level	Credits	Version
1650	Prepare a horse for travel by road, and load and unload	3	3	8
1651	Recognise signs of good health, ill health, common ailments, and lameness in horses	3	10	6
6580	Recognise and describe how to deal with an emergency situation involving horses	3	4	8
6611	Demonstrate knowledge of the procedure for bringing a horse into work after a spell and letting down	3	3	6
6612	Identify plants, grasses, and trees which are potentially poisonous to horses, and describe methods of removal	3	3	6
6613*	Demonstrate knowledge of the structure of horse's foot, the shoeing process and remedial shoeing	3	5	7
6617	Assess stable design and construction	3	3	6
19946*	Demonstrate anatomical and physiological knowledge of horse feet	3	5	3
19947*	Demonstrate anatomical and physiological knowledge of horse legs	3	5	3
25003	Identify horses' anatomy and conformation	3	3	5
25443	Demonstrate knowledge of the gear and procedures used in the exercise of horses	3	6	2
20523	Attend to horses at the races, and handle during swabbing	3	12	5

*THEORY ONLY UNIT



GATEWAY STUDENT

ENROLMENT FORM

SCHOOL NAME _____

STUDENT DETAILS

First name _____ Surname _____

Date of birth _____ Gender Male ☐ Female ☐

National student number _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Home phone _____ Mobile _____

Email _____

School year Year 11 ☐ Year 12 ☐ Year 13 ☐ Year 14 ☐

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Ethnicity (Please tick at least one)

☐ NZ European Pākehā	☐ Māori	☐ Samoan	☐ Cook Islands Māori	☐ Tongan
☐ Niuean	☐ Tokelauan	☐ Fijian	☐ Other Pacific Peoples	☐ Sri Lankan
☐ Indian	☐ Chinese	☐ Japanese	☐ Korean	☐ Other Asian
☐ Filipino	☐ Cambodian	☐ Vietnamese	☐ Other Southeast Asian	☐ British
☐ Dutch	☐ Greek	☐ Polish	☐ South Slav	☐ Italian
☐ German	☐ Australian	☐ Other European	☐ Middle Eastern	☐ Latin American
☐ African	☐ Other Ethnicity	☐ Not stated	☐ Irish	

In NZ Māori (Please state)

Main tribal affiliation _____

Other tribal affiliation _____

PLACEMENT DETAILS

Employer _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Phone _____ Email _____

DURATION OF PLACEMENT WITH EMPLOYER

Start date _____ Proposed duration of placement _____ Weeks

Proposed hours per week _____

TRAINING PLAN DETAILS IF KNOWN

Unit Standard Number	Unit standard Name	Level	Credit Value

ASSESSMENT APPEAL

All assessment will be against the performance criteria of the unit standards to ensure validity. Appeals against assessment results will firstly be to the NZEET assessor/ verifier who will forward this to the moderator, NZ Equine Education Trust. I understand that the decision of the moderator will be final.

STUDENT DECLARATION

I understand that:

- The conditions of purchase are outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding entered by NZEET and my School.
- All correspondence, including unit standard results will be returned via the Gateway Co-Ordinator for them to discuss my progress.
- Copies of my work may be kept for moderation purposes.
- All charges will be made to my School.
- I declare that to the best of my knowledge the information supplied on this enrolment form is true and complete. I consent to the statistical use of personal information as described above for NZQA and Ministry of Education purposes.

Signature _____ Date _____
Print name _____

Please complete, sign and return to:

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E education@hrnz.co.nz

Sally Waters
North Island
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E Sally.Waters@nztr.co.nz

SCHOOL NAME

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the New Zealand Equine Education Trust (NZEET) and

For the support of the NZEET Gateway Programme in 2026.

PURPOSE

This agreement will take effect on 01 January 2026 and terminate on 31 December 2026 or earlier by mutual agreement between the parties. Notwithstanding the provisions of this MOU, NZEET may, at its sole discretion, extend this MOU beyond its expiry date, for such further period as determined by NZEET.

NZEET'S COMMITMENT

NZEET will:

- Provide Learning and resource packages for student
- Generate invoice
- Confirm approved workplace verifier
- Mark theory and assess verification of practical assessment and report results in a timely manner
- Generate progress reports
- Provide confirmation of unit standard achievement as and when, and authorise school to register unit standard

YOUR SCHOOL'S COMMITMENT

NZEET will:

- Return enrolment documentation including unit standard selection stated in student enrolment
- Select and support students involved in the Gateway programme
- Accept responsibility at all times for the welfare and safety of students in Gateway programme
- Confirm workplace and verifier
- Have an MOU and Health & Safety agreement between school, employer and student
- Pay upon receipt of invoice
- Retain a copy of theory and practical assessments prior to sending to NZEET
- Only register unit standards following confirmation of competency by NZEET and authorisation of NZEET provider code

RECORDING GATEWAY DETAILS AND PLACEMENT PROGRESS

NZEET maintains a database and will record details of Gateway contracts including the school, the student, employer and the credits achieved. The name, address, contact person and contact details for the school, student and employer will be recorded. The database will also record the unit standards achieved by the student. This allows easy access to and evaluation of the progress of the students.

NZEET'S COMMITMENT

The following fees to supply student learning resources and monitor workplace assessment for 2026 are:

- \$35 GST exclusive per credit

Any costs associated with practical verification of unit standards will be the responsibility of the school.

NZEET confirms the following:

- It is a registered provider with NZQA.
- It upholds and maintains a quality assurance system that is externally moderated by NZQA.
- All offered standards have been pre-moderated by WDC or NZQA
- It participates fully in all required external moderation activities.
- Is committed to maintaining robust internal moderation processes
- Its Staff are qualified and competent to assess standards
- It retains assessments for two years following a learner's achievement or withdrawal from the course.

REGISTERING CREDITS

The marking of assessments for students is the responsibility of NZEET, the reporting of results and costs of registering credits with NZQA on the NQF is the responsibility of the Gateway school. Unit standards may only be credited against a students Record of Learning following school receiving authorisation from NZEET of students competency. This is done by using NZEET confidential provider code 8497. As this is a confidential code it can ONLY be used with express permission and in relation to Gateway students who are enrolled with and using resources supplied and verification of competency advised by NZEET.

DISPUTES

If the parties cannot resolve the dispute, they agree to: In the event that a dispute arises between

- Each nominate a representative with authority to negotiate and settle on their behalf
- Go to mediation



SIGNED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL

School Address

Name of School

Address

Postcode

Phone

Email

PLACEMENT DETAILS

Name

Title

Address

Postcode

Phone

Email

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF SCHOOL

Signature

Date

Print name

NZEET REPRESENTATIVE

Signature

Date

Print name

Please complete, sign and return to:

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