

Drive a single harness horse in an enclosed area

Overview

This standard is about being able to drive a single harness horse in an enclosed area to an industry recognised, basic level of competence, under the supervision of an experienced driver.

It involves being able to handle the reins and whip correctly, make effective use of a Harness Horse Groom, and drive a series of basic movements correctly.

The work described in this standard would be carried out following agreement with a supervisor about the responsibilities and methods of work.

You will need to be fully aware of the importance of health, safety and animal welfare in connection with this activity.

You will need to be able to recognise hazards in the workplace.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. select and wear appropriate clothing and personal protective equipment for the activity, according to instructions
2. drive a single harness horse in an enclosed area under supervision
3. carry out a series of basic movements and changes of pace
4. make correct use of the driving whip
5. use voice aids effectively
6. make effective use of the Harness Horse Groom
7. drive within the limitations of the horse and single harness vehicle
8. maintain the safety of yourself and others, and the welfare of the horse, during the activity

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the selection, use and care of personal protective equipment
2. your role and responsibilities in driving a single harness horse in an enclosed area under supervision
3. how to identify the parts of a set of traditional single harness, and how to harness up a single harness horse for use
4. how to put a single horse to a vehicle and take the animal out after driving
5. rein handling techniques
6. how to prepare a single horse drawn vehicle for use
7. how to balance a two-wheeled vehicle
8. how to plan lines of approach to specified movements
9. how to identify common paces, including walk, trot, extended trot, and collected trot
10. how to achieve smooth transitions between paces
11. the uses of a range of driving-related equipment, including the driving whip, driving apron and driving gloves
12. the meaning of the phrases “stand up” and “walk on”
13. the importance of being able to halt the horse
14. how to make effective use of the Harness Horse Groom
15. the limitations of the vehicle you are driving
16. the risks to horses, yourself and others and how these can be minimised
17. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice.

Glossary

basic movements:

voice aids:

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