

Drive single harness horses for commercial purposes

Overview

This standard is about being able to drive single harness horses for commercial purposes. It includes being able to select horses for commercial work according to their physical ability and fitness, temperament, experience and appearance. You will understand how to set up and adjust the harness for optimum performance.

The standard includes being able to direct the activities of the harness horse grooms crew whilst preparing horses to be driven, putting-to/taking out and whilst driving.

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 and assess risks 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
2. assess the temperament of individual horses, and evaluate their suitability for a range of commercial uses
3. select horse-drawn vehicles for a range of purposes, which are suitable for the intended commercial purpose
4. select and fit the harness to the horse
5. carry out routine pre-drive checks on horses, harness and vehicle
6. direct the activities of the crew of harness horse grooms to assist with maintaining the safety and welfare of the horses and passengers
7. drive single harness horses for commercial purposes in accordance with relevant legislative requirements and codes of practice, and with consideration for other road users
8. monitor the horses behaviour while driving, taking positive action to minimise stress and maintain their wellbeing
9. monitor and maintain the health and 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. how to identify the commercial purposes for which the single horse will be used
3. your role and responsibilities in driving single harness horses for commercial purposes
4. how to assess the fitness and ability of individual horses for commercial work
5. how to assess the temperament and behaviour of individual horses
6. how to fit, set up and adjust the harness for optimum performance
7. how to select suitable commercial horse-drawn vehicles
8. how to monitor individual horses while driving
9. how to minimise stress and how to positively promote the wellbeing of the horse while driving
10. how to direct the crew of harness horse grooms to assist effectively with maintaining control, and the safety and welfare of the horse and passengers while driving
11. how to manage the safety of spectators and participants in commercial activities
12. the relevant legislative requirements and codes of practice relating to driving single harness horses on the public highway for commercial purposes
13. the risks to horses, yourself and others and how these are controlled
14. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice.

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