

**Level 2 Certificate in Health and Safety for  
those working in the Equine Industry**  
**Learners' Information Sheet**

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# Learners' Information Sheet for the Level 2 Certificate in Health and Safety for those working in the Equine Industry

## About the Qualification

Compliance with health and safety legislation is becoming increasingly important in all areas of employment including the horse industry.

The Level 2 Certificate in Health & Safety for those working in the Equine Industry has been developed to promote good practice within equine environments. It provides evidence of the achievement of the basic knowledge and skills required to enable those handling and riding horses to do so in a safe manner for both themselves and the welfare of the horse. These fundamental requirements to horse care provide an ideal building block on which future knowledge and experience can be built.

This qualification has been developed in partnership with Equi Study and the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

## Key Points

- It is suitable for:-
  - Everyone, from leisure riders to those who work with horses full time
  - Employers who wish to promote a professional image within their business
  - Those who need to understand how to treat the horse and its surroundings
  - Those who wish to develop knowledge of health and safety requirements in the horse industry
  - Those who wish to add to their Continuing Professional Development
- Candidates enrolling through Equi Study will receive a qualification learning package including a study guide, training booklet and CD Rom
- This qualification is available to candidates aged 14 years and over

## Benefits of the Qualification

This qualification is recognised throughout the UK. Positioned within the national qualifications framework at level 2, the qualification provides an accredited qualification in Equine Health and Safety.

This level 2 qualification maps in to the level 2 NVQ in Horse Care, covering essential requirements and underpinning knowledge of horse handling, health and safety and animal welfare.

## Qualification Content

### Unit 1: Horse sense

- Horses as individuals
- The horse's natural instincts
- Facial expression and body language

### Unit 2: Safety when riding

- Riding safely in a variety of situations
- Use of Personal Protective Equipment
- Code for riding on the road

### Unit 3: Safe working practices

- Keeping the work area safe
- Carrying out routine tasks safely

### Unit 4: Machinery and equipment

- The need for specialist training in the safe operation and handling of machinery and equipment

### Unit 5: Accidents and people

- What to do in the event of an accident
- How to report an accident and recording details

### Unit 6: First aid

- Accidents as a cause of injury
- Preventing injuries becoming more serious

### Unit 7: Safety signs

- Recognising signs that are in use to warn of hazards and danger

### Unit 8: Fire

- Fire causes and risks
- Fire safety precautions, control procedures and emergency evacuation

### Unit 9: Health and safety law

- Working with horses and the law
- Health and safety policies
- Control of hazardous substances

### Unit 10: Health and hygiene

- The importance of personal hygiene when handling horses or when in contact with their environment

## Assessment

Candidates must complete the following:

- A single computer based assessment. The test includes 20 questions and candidates must achieve a minimum of 50% correct answers.
- A work based assignment based on the candidate's own place of work/yard/college to include witness testimonies signed by their course supervisor.

## What's the next step?

In the first instance you need to contact the NPTC registered Assessment Centre who offers this qualification.

Contact:

Equi Study  
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The Assessment Centre will be able to:-

- Supply you with the training and organise the assessment of the qualification.
- Advise you of their fees for conduction of the assessment
- Forward your results to City and Guilds/NPTC once your assessment has been completed, for certification, a process which will normally take about four weeks.

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