

1st4sport Level 2 Award in the Principles of Transporting Horses by Road on Short Journeys

Qualification Specification



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Serving the needs of the sport, physical activity and active leisure industry; our niche status is emphasised through our accomplished people, network of esteemed industry partnerships and our culture of excellence. We have an outstanding reputation; evidenced through the loyalty we receive from our trusted partners, recognised centres and most importantly our learners.

We have a proven track record; offering of valid, value-added, educational solutions and services and outstanding customer care. Our offer includes sector specific qualifications and pathways, and a range of relevant high-performing educational services; underpinned by leading digital solutions. The majority of these are developed and deployed in partnership with governing bodies of sport and other sector specific professional organisations. More than any other awarding organisation, our knowledge of the industry and our continuous cross-sector network enables us to understand the direction of our sector.

Our involvement in shaping our sector has been significant and we continue to be the awarding organisation that partner and representative organisations turn to for guidance on the direction of travel, as appropriate to the needs of our partners, centres, industry employers and learners.

Our Mission: To deliver excellent educational solutions and value-added services to sport, physical activity and the active leisure industry.

Our Direction: We aim to support the ongoing professionalisation of our industry; supporting employment, growth, sustainability and success. We embrace performance, participation and health agendas. Our objective is to continue to support our respected partners, providers and learners.

Qualification Specification

Title:	1st4sport Level 2 Award in the Principles of Transporting Horses by Road on Short Journeys
Qualification Overview:	Gives learners the knowledge, confidence, and skills to transport horses on journeys shorter than 8 hours.
Qualification Code:	24QTHS2
Qualification Regulation Number:	610/5721/6
Guided Learning Hours (GLH):	20
Total Qualification Time (TQT):	35
Credit Value (if applicable):	Not applicable
Operational Start Date:	01/09/2025
Qualification Review Date:	31/08/2028
Learner Registration Period:	1 year
Qualification Objective:	This qualification qualifies learners to transport horses on journeys over 40 miles but taking less than 8 hours.
Qualification Purpose:	Confirm the ability to meet a 'licence to practise' or other legal requirements made by the relevant sector, professional or industry body.

Who is this qualification for?

This qualification is designed for individuals who already work with horses or are wishing to work with horses and want to gain a qualification to enable them to transport horses on short journeys over 65km (40 miles) but not exceeding 8 hours.

Qualification Progression

Learners could progress onto additional CPD opportunities offered through industry specific organisations. Successful learners will be able to progress to Attendant / Driver roles for long journeys.

Entry Requirements

Learners must be a minimum of 16 years old at registration and 16 years old at certification.

Pre-requisite(s) or other entry requirements

The recognised centre is required to conduct an initial assessment of learners to ensure that pre-requisites to registration and certification and any barriers that may disadvantage a learner under the Equality Act 2010 are considered and outcomes recorded during the application process.

Prior to registration learners are required to:

- be accurately identified
- be at least 16 years of age
- be able to undertake this assessment in English or Welsh (if available)

Assessment Methods

The assessment methods used in this qualification are:

- Multiple Choice Examination (in 1 of 1 mandatory units)

Reasonable adjustments can be applied to these assessments in line with 1st4sport Policy Statement: Access Arrangements.

Grading Methods

This qualification will be graded Pass / Fail.

Qualification Structure

Learners must successfully complete all mandatory units to achieve this qualification.

Mandatory Units

Unit ID	Unit Title	GLH
K/651/6021	Principles of transporting horses by road on short journeys	20

Optional Units

There are no optional units in this qualification

Pathway Units (where applicable)

There are no pathway units in this qualification

Unit Title	Principles of transporting horses by road on short journeys
Unit Aim	This unit is designed to be used to support the legislative requirements in relation to competences for the transport of horses (Council Regulation EC No. 1/2005) with specific reference to the knowledge and skills required by attendants or drivers on short journeys.
Unique Unit Number	K/651/6021
Unit Assessment Method(s)	Multiple Choice Examination
Assessment Specification	This unit is assessed fully through an external onscreen multiple choice exam set and assessed by 1st4sport. The multiple choice onscreen exam is a 60 minute exam consisting of 60 questions and has a minimum pass mark of 70%. In some cases the pass mark may be adjusted to ensure learners have achieved across the full range of content

Learning Outcome: 1. know the legal requirements and responsibilities covering horse health and welfare during transportation

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
1.1 Summarise legislation relating to horse welfare during transportation	Summarise the requirements that support transporting animals in a way that causes no harm. Learners will be able to emphasise the importance of what the legislation means for their practice and procedure
1.2 Outline the documentation required to transport horses by road	Outline the contents and purpose of the documents required for transporting horses by road. This must include the certificate of vehicle approval, competency certificate, journey log and /or animal transport log, Learners will know how this differs depending on journey length.
1.3 Identify requirements that are required for short journeys over 65km and up to 8 hours	Identify the requirements that are required for transporting horses on any journey and the additional requirements needed for short journeys over 65km and up to 8 hours
1.4 Outline the responsibilities and enforcement powers the enforcement agencies have for transporting horses	provide an outline of each of the enforcement agencies. Learners will be able to include the responsibility and enforcement powers each agency has.

Learning Outcome: 2. know how to plan a short journey transporting horses by road

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
2.01 Give working examples of the contents of a journey plan	<p>Give working examples of the contents within a journey plan including the following requirements for the horses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • their origin and their ownership • their place of departure • the date and time of departure • their intended place of destination • the expected duration of the intended journey.
2.02 Summarise the requirements of transporter authorisation certificates	<p>Summarise the journeys that require transporter authorisations, details of the issuing body, validation periods of Transport Authorisation Certificates and conditions that may be imposed upon the certificates</p>
2.03 Describe why it is necessary to plan a journey before transporting a horse	<p>Describe why it is necessary to plan a journey in advance of transporting a horse, this must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the benefits of planning a journey before transporting a horse and impact on horse welfare • the consequences of a journey that has not been planned • the legal requirements a transporter must consider • the vehicle aspects a transporter must consider when transporting a horse • the individual responsibilities of a transporter when transporting a horse • the time constraints a transporter must consider when planning to transport a horse • the resource constraints a transporter must consider when planning to transport a horse
2.04 Explain how to avoid horse dehydration during transportation	<p>Explain the actions that can be planned into a journey to ensure a horse is not dehydrated during transportation, including how to recognise if a horse is becoming dehydrated and the actions to take</p>

Learning Outcome: 3. understand how to prepare horses for travel by road on short journeys

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
3.1 Describe why it is important to check a horses health and wellbeing before travel	Describe the importance of checking health soundness and suitability to travel
3.2 Identify indicators of good health in a horse prior to travelling	Identify how stance, temp, pulse, respiration and outlook are indicators of good health
3.3 Identify indicators in a horses health that would prevent travel	Identify how significant lameness injury, illness or disease, unless the journey is required for welfare reasons would prevent travel
3.4 Outline the considerations when transporting a sick horse	Provide an outline of how the purpose of journey, checks and breaks in travel if required would be considered when transporting a sick horse. Learners should also consider reasoning for isolation (e.g. only traveling one horse) if the horse is potentially infectious
3.5 Describe the different protective clothing that may be applied to a horse when preparing to transport	Describe the varied sizes, types, functions, and contra-indications of boots, bridles/chifneys, bandages, rugs and protective guards when used for transporting horses
3.6 Identify examples of when not to use protective clothing	Identify scenarios that would apply with young stock, unbroken horses or where injury determines that protective clothing should not be used

Learning Outcome: 4. understand safe, efficient and effective vehicle loading, operation, control and unloading

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
4.1 Explain the considerations to ensure appropriate design within a vehicle for transportation	Explain a range of considerations, including height, ramp, ventilation, partitions, number of horses being transported
4.2 Outline the amendments and considerations to make during extreme weather	Provide an outline of amendments and considerations they would make during extreme weather. This will include extreme temperatures and different weather systems.
4.3 Describe the considerations to make when loading a horse onto a vehicle	Describe the considerations they would make regarding location of the vehicle and proximity to other animals when loading a horse onto a vehicle
4.4 Select appropriate handling equipment for horses when being loaded and unloaded	Select the appropriate equipment, including head collar, bridle, chifney, and lead rope/lunge line for horses when loading and unloading
4.5 Give examples of the issues a difficult horse could cause during loading and unloading	Give examples of the issues a difficult horse could cause during loading and unloading, this will include anxious, fearful and reluctant to load horses
4.6 Suggest ways to resolve issues caused by a difficult horse during loading and unloading	Suggest ways to resolve issues which will consider the experience of handler and assistants, the area to work in and time availability

Learning Outcome: 5. understand the welfare requirements for horses before, during and after transportation

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
5.1 Identify causes of stress to the horse during transportation	Identify the causes of stress relating to experience of travelling, travelling companions, driving activity and environment
5.2 Identify signs of stress to the horse during transportation	Identify the signs of stress a horse will exhibit that would raise a concern during transportation
5.3 Identify ways to respond to a stressed horse during transportation	Identify ways to respond to a stressed horse during transportation taking into considering the cause of the stress, this could include providing a companion, reducing travel time or access to a haynet
5.4 Give examples of welfare responsibilities on the horse after the journey is completed	Provide examples of the welfare responsibilities and checks that would be made on a horse after their journey is completed to ensure they continue to be in good health.

Learning Outcome: 6. know about contingency plans

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
6.1 explain situations that may cause changes to plans when transporting horses	Explain how different situations may cause changes to plans and what those plans may be. Learners must be able to consider the weather, incidents on journey and changes in purpose of journey.

Qualification Conditions: Delivery and assessment requirements

To complete the delivery, assessment, and internal quality assurance of the qualification, providers will be required to adhere to the guidance set out in the Recognised Centre Handbook.

The recognised centre is required to ensure that the learners who are unsuccessful in any aspect of assessment are offered two opportunities to re-sit or resubmit the appropriate assessment component within their registration period.

Qualification Approval Conditions: Workforce requirements

In addition to the workforce requirements stated in the Recognised Centre Handbook, the following qualification specific requirements must be met and evidenced.

Tutor(s):

For this qualification, the minimum requirements stated in the centre handbook apply.

The recognised centre is required to recruit and deploy a tutor who is has up-to-date technical and occupational competence in basic horse care and transporting horses eg. working directly with horses

Assessor(s):

This qualification is assessed fully by external examination therefore no assessor workforce are required

Internal Verifier(s) and Quality Assurer(s):

This qualification is assessed fully by external examination therefore an IQA is not required. Centres will be required to provide invigilators for examinations as per the information outlined in the centre handbook

Additional Qualification Requirements

This qualification is regulated by Ofqual Learners who complete this qualification are eligible for the DEFRA Certificate of Competence for transporting horses by road. This must be applied for separately to 1st4sport.

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