

BHS Qualifications (BHSQ)

Amendments to the qualification specification for BHSQ Level 3 (Stage 3)

BHSQ conduct reviews of qualifications to ensure continued fitness for purpose. For example, to include current industry practices or legislative changes. A review of this qualification was carried out in 2021/2022.

Unit 1: Stage 3 Care

- Learning outcome 1: assessment criteria 1.1
verb changed to – **Explain** the roles of a Groom
- assessment criteria 1.2
bullet point added – Promoting equestrianism and horse welfare in a positive way (social license to operate)
bullet point added – Anti-doping guidelines
- assessment criteria 1.3
bullet point added – Equality, diversity and inclusion
- Learning outcome 2: assessment criteria 2.2 and 2.5
bullet point revised to read - Condition and suitability of **the tack**
- Learning outcome 5: assessment criteria 5.3
revised to read – Explain a range of **factors** that may influence a horse's **dietary requirements**
- assessment criteria 5.6
revised to read - Assess a horse using a **body condition/fat scoring** scale
bullet point added – Back
- assessment criteria 5.7
revised to read - Explain the use of supplements **or balancers** in a horse's diet
- Learning outcome 6: assessment criteria 6.2
first bullet point revised to read - From a low level of fitness to be able to complete a one-day event
- Learning outcome 7: assessment criteria 7.1
revised to read - Explain the function **and components** of the respiratory system
bullet points reordered
- assessment criteria 7.2
revised to read - Explain the function **and components** of the cardiovascular system
bullet points reordered
- Learning outcome 8: assessment criteria 8.4
bullet point revised to read - **Exertional Rhabdomyolysis Syndrome (ERS) / Azoturia**

added to bullet point – equine asthma
bullet point added - Equine Herpes Virus (EHV)
bullet point added - Worm burden

assessment criteria 8.6
bullet point added - Biosecurity

assessment criteria 8.7
bullet point added – Inspection of limbs

Learning outcome 9: assessment criteria 9.2
bullet point added – Enrichment

Learning outcome 9: assessment criteria 9.3
bullet point added – Positive reinforcement

Unit 2: Stage 3 Lunge

Learning outcome 1: assessment criteria 1.2
revised to read - Explain the impact of **lunging techniques**
bullet point revised to read - Adapting to surface and space available

Learning outcome 2: assessment criteria 2.1
bullet point added – Appropriate personal protective equipment for handler
bullet point added – Ensure horse welfare at all times
bullet point added – Assess the horse in all three paces

assessment criteria 2.2
bullet point revised to read - Use of **equipment**

Unit 3: Stage 3 Ride Dressage

Learning outcome 2: assessment criteria 2.4
revised to read – Ride with an **independent balanced position**
bullet point revised to read - Co-ordination of aids to ride the horse effectively
forward between leg and **a receiving** hand

Unit 4: Stage 3 Ride Jump

Learning outcome 1: assessment criteria 1.1
bullet point added – distances

Learning outcome 2: assessment criteria 2.1
bullet point revised to read - The lines **and distances** between fences

assessment criteria 2.5

revised to read – Ride with an **independent balanced position**

bullet point revised to read - Balanced alignment in a jumping position **with a secure lower leg**

Learning outcome 3:

assessment criteria 3.4

revised to read – Ride with an **independent balanced position**

bullet point revised to read - Balanced alignment in a jumping position **with a secure lower leg**

bullet point added – Ride in harmony with the horse using sympathetic aids

Unit 5: Stage 3 Coaching

Learning outcome 1:

assessment criteria 1.2

bullet point added - Promoting equestrianism and horse welfare in a positive way (social licence to operate)

bullet point revised to read – Equality, diversity and **inclusion**

bullet point added – Working with or referring to other professionals for example, saddle fitters, vets, coaches, nutritionists, physiotherapists and trainers

Learning outcome 2:

assessment criteria 2.1

bullet point added - Content of the lesson is suitable for the ability and fitness of horse and rider

bullet point added – Welfare of horse(s)

Learning outcome 4:

assessment criteria 4.1

bullet point revised to read – One rider **up to Novice level dressage**

assessment criteria 4.4

verb changed to – **Evaluate** the lesson

Learning outcome 5:

assessment criteria 5.4

verb changed to – **Evaluate** the lesson