

BHS Qualifications (BHSQ)

Amendments to the qualification specification for BHSQ Level 4 (Stage 4)

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 4 Senior Care

- Learning outcome 1: assessment criteria 1.2
bullet point revised to read – Work **efficiently**
- assessment criteria 1.4
bullet point added/revised to tack –
Dressage tack Girth (**including ergonomic**)
Show jumping tack Girth/stud girth, ergonomic
Cross country tack Girth/stud girth, ergonomic
Modern safety and comfort stirrups
Endurance tack Girth (**including ergonomic**)
- Assessment criteria 1.5 and 1.6
added to guidance:
Evaluate through discussion, including:
- Consideration of horse welfare
 - Effectiveness for purpose
 - Consideration of competition rules
- Learning outcome 3: assessment criteria 3.1
bullet points added – Equine anti-doping guidelines
Clean sport
Testing procedures
- assessment criteria 3.2
bullet points added – Swimming
Treadmill
Gallops
- Learning outcome 4: assessment criteria 4.2
bullet point added - Signs of previous injury
- assessment criteria 4.3
bullet point added - Relate to static conformation
- assessment criteria 4.4
bullet point added – Glue-on shoe
- assessment criteria 4.7
bullet point added – Abdominal

assessment criteria 4.9
bullet points added – Flexor
Extensor

Learning outcome 5: assessment criteria 5.1
bullet point added – Horse welfare

assessment criteria 5.3
verb changed to – **Evaluate** end of life care

Unit 2: Stage 4 Senior Management

Learning outcome 1: assessment criteria 1.1
bullet point revised – Online systems including applications

assessment criteria 1.3
verb changed to – **Evaluate** a range of factors that contribute to successful customer care

Learning outcome 2: assessment criteria 2.2 and 2.3
bullet point – lessons changes to **sessions**

Learning outcome 3: assessment criteria 3.1
verb changed to – **Evaluate** different ways of employing staff

Learning outcome 5: assessment criteria 5.1
revised to read – Explain the requirements of **relevant legislation** and **your responsibilities**
bullet point added – Health and safety legislation

added to guidance:
Responsibilities to include:

- Horse welfare
- Social License to operate
- Promote equestrianism in a positive way
- Management and training of employees

Learning outcome 6: assessment criteria 6.1
verb changed to – **Evaluate** pricing methods

assessment criteria 6.2
verb changed to – **Evaluate** a range of methods of payment
bullet point revised – Automatic bank transfers

Learning outcome 8: assessment criteria 8.1
verb changed to – **Evaluate** different types of marketing

Learning outcome 9: assessment criteria 9.4
verb changed to – **Evaluate** a range of security procedures on the yard

Unit 3: Stage 4 Senior Lunge

- Learning outcome 1: assessment criteria 1.1
guidance updated to read:
Range = 2 or more
Any training aids in common use which may include:
- Side reins (variations of type and positions)
 - Pessoa/Whitaker
 - Chambon
 - Harbridge
 - Vienna reins
 - Bungees
 - Running reins
 - De Gogue
 - Waldhausen
- added to guidance:
Evaluate through discussion, including:
- Consideration of horse welfare
 - Effectiveness for purpose

- Learning outcome 2: assessment criteria 2.1
bullet point added – Appropriate personal protective equipment for handler
- assessment criteria 2.3
bullet point revised - Stance, body language, position, tone of voice, influence

Unit 4: Stage 4 Senior Ride for Training Eventing

Unit 5: Stage 4 Senior Ride for Training Dressage

Unit 6: Stage 4 Senior Ride for Training Show Jumping

- Learning outcome 3: assessment criteria 3.3
bullet point revised to – Lack of acceptance of contact

- Learning outcome 4: assessment criteria 4.3
added to guidance:
Methods to overcome to include consideration of:
- Choice of work
 - Choice of exercises

- Learning outcome 10: assessment criteria 10.2
bullet point added – Related distances

Unit 7: Stage 4 Senior Coaching Eventing

Unit 8: Stage 4 Senior Coaching Dressage

Unit 9: Stage 4 Senior Coaching Show Jumping

Learning outcome 4: assessment criteria 4.4
revised to read – Ensure the horse is lunged using suitable **techniques**
bullet point revised - Body language/position/influence
bullet point revised - Voice/**tone of voice**

Learning outcome 5: assessment criteria 5.2
guidance updated to read:
The session must include the use of poles placed at suitable distances

Must include;

- Application of the aids
- Individual correction and development
- Develop balance and effectiveness of the rider
- Relevant exercises to develop horse and rider partnership
- Linking to Training Scale

May include:

- Positional development
- Transitions
- Adjusting stride length
- School movements
- Work without stirrups
- Adapting plan as necessary

Learning outcome 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 11:
assessment criteria 4.5, 5.1, 6.1, 8.1, 10.1 and 11.1
guidance revised to read – **Riders** to be of Stage 3 level **or equivalent competence**

Learning outcome 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11:
assessment criteria 6.2, 7.2, 8.2, 9.2, 10.2 and 11.2
bullet point added – Linking to Training Scale