

RIDING ESTABLISHMENT ACTS 1964 and 1970

LICENCE CONDITIONS FOR RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS

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Riding Establishments – Licence Conditions

1. Horses must be maintained in good health, and in all respects physically fit, for the purpose for which it is being kept.
2. No horse
 - i) aged three years or under or
 - ii) any mare heavy with foal or
 - iii) any mare within three months after foaling
 - iv) may be let out on hire for riding or used, in return for payment, for instruction in or demonstrating riding.
3. Any riding equipment supplied for a horse let out on hire must be in serviceable condition and free from visible defect which is likely to cause suffering to the horse or accident to the rider.
4. A horse found on examination by an authorised officer to be in need of veterinary attention must not be returned to work until the holder of the licence has obtained at this own expense and has lodged with the local authority a veterinary certificate that the horse is fit for work.
5. No horse may be let out on hire for riding or used for providing instruction in riding without supervision by a responsible person of the age of 16 years or over unless (in the case of a horse let out for hire for riding) the holder of the licence is satisfied that the hirer of the horse is competent to ride without supervision.
6. In the case of horses maintained at grass there must be available for them at all times during which they are so maintained adequate pasture and shelter and water and supplementary feeds must be provided as and when required.
7. Horses must be adequately supplied with suitable food, drink and bedding material (except in the case of horses while maintained at grass, and must be adequately exercised, groomed and rested and visited at suitable intervals.
8. All reasonable precautions must be taken to prevent and control the spread among horses of infectious or contagious diseases and veterinary first aid equipment and medicines must be provided and maintained in the premises.
9. The construction of the riding establishment must be substantial, adequate to contain the animals, and provide them with warmth and shelter in clean and hygienic conditions.
10. All necessary precautions must be taken to prevent the escape of the animal from the establishment.
11. There must be convenient and safe access to stalls and boxes. Stalls must be large enough to allow the animal to lie down and get up without risk of injury. Boxes must be large enough to allow the animal to turn round.
12. Yards must provide enough space for every animal kept there.

13. Natural lighting must be adequate to render the use of artificial light unnecessary in daylight.
14. Ventilation must provide fresh air without draughts.
15. Drainage must be adequate to carry away liquid voided by the horses and keep the standings dry.
16. There must be appropriate and adequate provision for storage and disposal of manure and disposal of manure and spoiled straw.
17. Adequate accommodation must be provided for forage bedding, stable equipment and saddlery.
18. The licence holder must ensure that appropriate steps will be taken for the protection and extrication of horses in case of fire and in particular
 - i) that the name, address and telephone number of the licence holder or some other responsible person are kept displayed in a prominent position at the outside of the premises and
 - ii) that instructions as to action to be taken in the event of fire with particular regard to the extrication of horses, are kept displayed in a prominent position on the outside of the premises.
19. No person under the age of 16 can be left in charge of the establishment at any time
20. The licence holder must hold a current insurance policy which insures him/her against liability
 - i) For any injury sustained by those who hire a horse from him/her for riding and
 - ii) For those who use a horse in the course of receiving from him/her, in return for payment, instruction in riding and
 - iii) arising out of the hire or use of a horse as aforesaid and which also insures such persons in respect of any liability which may be incurred by them in respect of injury to any person caused by, or arising out of, the hire or use of a horse..
21. A register must be kept by the licence holder of all horses in his/her possession aged three years and under and usually kept on the premises which shall be available for inspection by an authorised officer at all reasonable times.
22. The only horses permitted to be used in connection with this licence are those listed in the schedule to the licence. If the licence holder wishes to introduce different horses into the establishment they shall first obtain a certificate from an approved veterinary practitioner stating that the horse is fit for the intended purpose and then obtain the approval, in writing, from The Licensing Authority of the intended changes.
23. All horses used in the riding establishment must have a valid Horse Passport at the time of licensing.

24. The licence holder or any person in charge of the premises must permit any inspector or Veterinary Surgeon or Veterinary Practitioner duly authorised by the Council to enter the Riding Establishment premises at all reasonable times and inspect them and any horses found thereon or anything therein for the purpose of ascertaining whether an offence has been or is being committed under the licence or the Riding Establishment Acts 1964 and 1970.