



# Certificate 1

## **Ridden Tasks**

### **Key points to successful tasks – Assessment Criteria.**

1. Horse stands still and is calm.  
Student approaches horse in a confident manner.  
Student positions themselves correctly on both sides.  
Student holds saddle correctly and controls horse.  
Student places saddle on correctly.  
Student demonstrates safe and considerate manner in girthing horse, including moving horse around.
2. Student demonstrates correct positioning.  
Student demonstrates confident control of the horse.  
Student demonstrates lateral flexion and correct mounting technique.  
Horse remains calm and does not move during mounting.
3. Student demonstrates correct usage of reins to achieve lateral flexion.  
Horse gives his head softly and willingly and does not move.
4. Student demonstrates correct technique.  
Horse moves softly and willingly.  
Horse does not take any more than the three steps.
5. Student demonstrates correct technique.  
Horse moves off the rider's leg softly and willingly.  
Horse moves directly in a straight line.  
Horse does not take any more than three steps.
6. Student demonstrates correct technique.  
Horse steps back softly and willingly.  
Horse does not take any more than five steps.  
Student may demonstrate their ability to use 'one cue for one step.'
7. Student demonstrates correct technique.  
Horse steps back softly and without resistance.  
Horse does not take any more than five steps.
8. Student demonstrates correct technique.  
Horse steps off submissively.  
Horse's inside hind leg steps under his body.

Horse's ribs are flexed from the inside to extend on the outside.  
Horse's inside front leg steps out freely and around the circle.  
Horse's jaw is soft in that the head is looking into the circle.  
The inside rein is soft and loose, showing no resistance in the jaw.

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Horse's jaw is soft in that the head is looking into the circle.  
The inside rein is soft and loose, showing no resistance in the jaw.
10. Student demonstrates correct technique.  
Horse steps off submissively.  
Horse's inside hind leg steps under his body.  
Horse's ribs are flexed from the inside to extend on the outside.  
Horse's inside front leg steps out freely and around the circle.  
Horse's jaw is soft in that the head is looking into the circle.  
The inside rein is soft and loose, showing no resistance in the jaw.
11. Student demonstrates a confident and balanced seat.  
Horse does not balk at the jump.  
Horse does not decrease or increase speed after the jump.  
Horse does not knock the jump.
12. Student demonstrates ability to control the horse to the stick.  
Student demonstrates confidence in the use of the stick.  
Horse does not show any resistance or nervousness about the stick.
13. Student demonstrates confidence in the use of the stick.  
Horse does not show any resistance or nervousness about the stick.  
Student demonstrates confidence by riding with a loose rein.
14. Student demonstrates correct technique.  
Horse travels in a square pattern.  
Horse does not show any resistance in the yielding movement.
15. Student demonstrates correct technique.  
Student demonstrates confidence with the rein during the change of direction.  
Horse does not show any resistance in the change of direction.

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