

**CONDITIONS OF LICENCE
RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACTS 1964 AND 1970**

1. A horse found on Inspection of the premises by an authorised officer to be in need of veterinary attention shall not be returned to work until the holder of the licence has obtained at his own expense and has lodged with the local authority, a veterinary certificate that the horse is fit for work.
2. No horse will be let out on hire for riding or use 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.
3. The carrying on of the business of a Riding Establishment shall at no time be left in the charge of any person under 16 years of age.
4. The licence holder shall hold a current insurance policy which insures him against liability for any injury sustained by those who hire a horse from him for riding and those who use a horse in the course of receiving from him, in return for payment, instruction in riding and arising out of the hire or the use of a horse as aforesaid and which also insures such persons in respect of any liability which may be incurred them in respect of injury to any person caused by, or arising out of, the hire or use of a horse as aforesaid.
5. A register shall be kept by the licence holder of all horses in his possession age 3 years and under and usually kept on the premises which shall be available for inspection by an authorised officer at all reasonable times.
6. The licence holder or manager must hold a recognised qualification. The minimum being the British Horse Society Assistant Instructor or an equivalent equine qualification.
7. All horses shall be maintained in good health, and in all respects physically fit and in the case of a horse kept for the purpose of it being let out on hire for riding or a horse kept for the purposes of its being used in providing instruction in riding, the horse shall be suitable for the purpose for which it is kept.
8. No horse aged 3 years or under nor any mare heavy with foal nor any mare within three months after foaling may be let out on hire for riding or used in return for payment for instruction in or demonstrating riding.
9. The feet of all animals shall be properly trimmed and, if shod, their shoes must be properly fitted and in good condition.

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10. There shall be available at all times accommodation for horses suitable as regards construction and size having regard to the breeds and number of horses housed therein. Construction shall be substantial and shall provide warmth and shelter in safe, clean and hygienic conditions. Stalls shall be large enough to allow the animals to lie down and get up without risk of injury. Boxes shall be large enough to allow the animal to turn around.
11. The yard shall provide sufficient space for every horse kept on the premises.
12. The accommodation shall be lighted by a source of daylight with adequate supplementary artificial light to allow the proper working and cleaning of the stables with no dark areas. Horses shall be protected from injury from windows, electrical installations and equipment in their stalls and boxes.
13. Suitable and sufficient means of ventilation shall be provided and maintained so as to provide a clean and draught free atmosphere in the animals' living and sleeping quarters.
14. Adequate drainage shall be provided to carry away liquid voided by the horses and to keep the standings dry. Drains should discharge outside the building.
15. Where horses are maintained at grass there shall be available for them at all times during which they are so maintained, adequate pasture and shelter and water and supplementary feeds will be provided as and when required. Horses at grass should be visited twice daily by a person competent to recognise injury or illness, and with the authority to take the necessary action if required.
16. Fences must be maintained in a safe condition, free from hazards and loose or broken rails.
17. Riding equipment shall be maintained in good condition so as not to cause suffering to the horse or accidents to the rider.
18. All horses shall be adequately supplied with suitable food, drink and (except in the case of horses maintained at grass, so long as they are so maintained) bedding material, and shall be adequately exercised, groomed and rested and visited at suitable intervals.
19. Suitable facilities shall be provided for the collection, storage and the disposal of manure and spoiled bedding.
20. Every precaution shall be taken to eliminate flies or vermin from the stables and yard area, such precautions to be compatible with protection of the horses from insecticide or rodenticide poisoning.
21. The licensee shall take adequate measures to prevent and control the spread of infection among the horses, including arrangement for proper veterinary advice. Veterinary first aid equipment and medicines shall be provided and maintained in

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the premises. Suitable isolation facilities shall be provided, such accommodation being structurally separate from all other accommodation. The utensils used for food and drink shall be kept separate and cleansed and sterilised after each use. The isolation accommodation shall be suitably disinfected during and after use and always before again being used by another horse.

22. No horse which is suffering from, or could be suspected of having come into contact with any other animals suffering from infectious or contagious disease, or which is infested with parasites shall be brought into or kept on the premises unless effectively isolated.
23. The licensee should ensure that a responsible person shall at all times be in, or within reasonable distance from the premises for the purposes of giving warning and taking other necessary steps in the event of fire or other emergency. In case of absence of the responsible person the licensee shall appoint a second responsible person residing within a reasonable distance of the premises to have custody of a key. The name, address and telephone number of such a person shall be displayed in legible characters on the front door or windows of the premises and be notified to the local Fire Brigade and Police. Instructions as to action to be taken in the event of fire, with particular regard to the extrication of horses shall also be kept displayed in a prominent position on the outside of the premises.
24. The licensee shall make and maintain appropriate arrangements for the protection of the horses in case of fire or other emergency, including the provision of adequate fire fighting appliances. Such appliances shall be conveniently accessible, clearly marked 'FIRE POINT' and maintained in good condition.
25. Prominent no smoking notices must be displayed in all areas of the premises.
26. Animals and equipment shall not be placed as to render entry or exit difficult.
27. All heating appliances provided shall be of such construction as to constitute no risk of fire and not to endanger the health and well being of the occupants. Free standing oil appliances shall not be installed in an area accessible to horses.
28. Adequate accommodation shall be provided for forage, stable equipment and saddlery.
29. Adequate and conveniently accessible washing and lavatory facilities shall be provided for staff.
30. A copy of the licence and its conditions shall be displayed in a suitably prominent position in the establishment.
31. The name, address and telephone numbers of the licence holder must be displayed prominently on the outside of the premises.