

# Open Awards Qualification Unit



This unit forms part of a regulated qualification.

## 1 Unit Details

Unit Title:	Plait and Trim Horses and Ponies Manes and Tails
Unit Reference Number:	J/618/8372
Level:	2
Credit Value:	3
Minimum GLH:	23

## 2 Learning Outcomes and Criteria

Learning Outcome (The Learner will):	Assessment Criterion (The Learner can):
1. Understand how to plait and trim horses' and ponies' manes and tails.	1.1 Describe the principles of equine grooming.
	1.2 Explain the reasons for grooming horses and ponies.
	1.3 State reasons for plaiting and trimming horses' and ponies' manes and tails.
	1.4 Identify areas of horses and ponies that are regularly trimmed and plaited.
2. Be able to use appropriate equipment for effective trimming and plaiting of manes and tails.	2.1 Select appropriate equipment for the tasks to be carried out.
	2.2 Prepare equipment for use.
	2.3 Use equipment appropriately and in line with codes of practice, specific legislation, guidance and manufacturer's instructions.
	2.4 Maintain equipment appropriately in line with manufacturer's instructions.
	2.5 Store equipment safely and securely in effective working condition.
3. Be able to trim and plait horses' manes and tails.	3.1 Prepare horses and ponies for plaiting and trimming.

	3.2	Control horses and ponies in readiness for plaiting and trimming.
	3.3	Prepare manes following instructions and in line with appropriate techniques.
	3.4	Plait manes according to instructions.
	3.5	Carry out trimming of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bottom of tail</li> <li>• Bridle gap</li> <li>• Feathers.</li> </ul>
4. Be able to work safely when plaiting and trimming manes and tails.	4.1	Work in ways which maintain the health, safety and security of humans and animals at all times.
	4.2	Work in ways that comply with current legislation, guidelines, industry codes of practice and any additional requirements.

<b>Assessment guidance</b>	
<b>Learning Outcome 3:</b> Be able to trim and plait horses' manes and tails.	
For all assessment criteria, learners must be assessed working on at least two (2) different individual horses to prepare, plait and trim manes and tails as appropriate.	