

A CAREER IN THE Equine Industry



Introduction to Equine Careers

The equine industry is one of the most dynamic and diverse within the land-based and environmental sector.

It provides a wide range of employment opportunities across Scotland, from riding schools, competition and racehorse yards, to professional horse training, the armed forces and mounted police.

For a career in this industry you need to be skilled and dedicated and be willing to put in some hard work. If you love horses and want a job where you could work with them every day, a career in the equine industry could be for you.

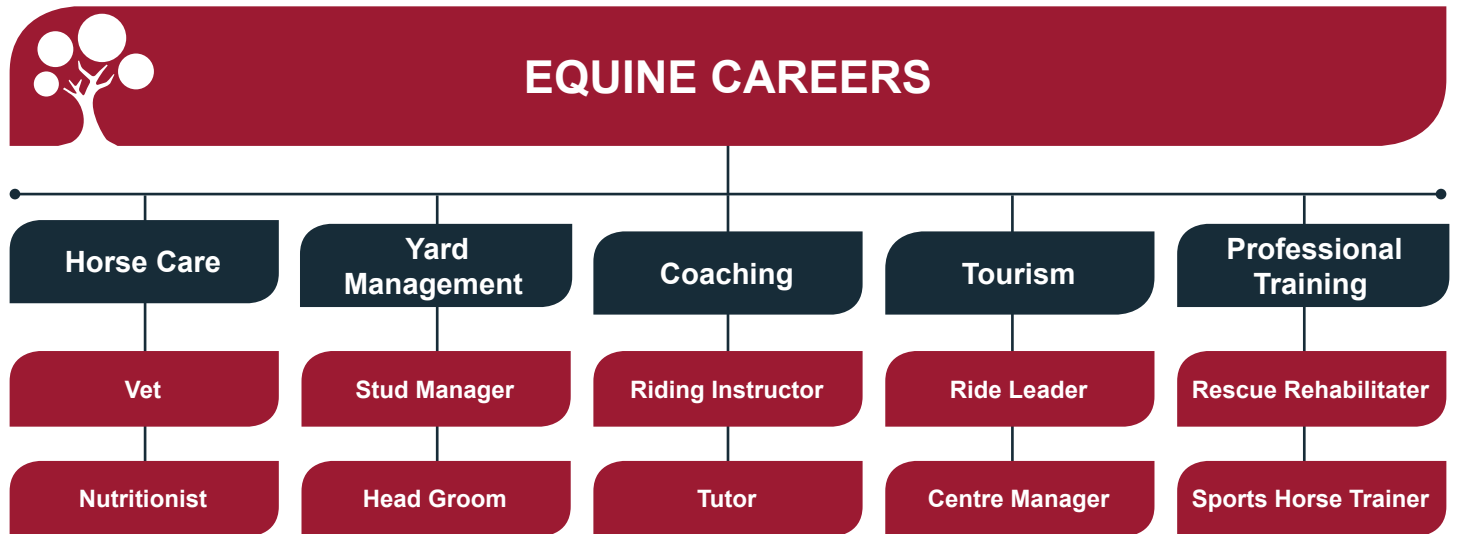
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Career Options

Whether you want to work in livery yards, riding schools, or with saddlers or blacksmiths, you will be in regular contact with horses, so it's important to choose the best career route. However, a real passion for horses will give you the motivation you need to work throughout the seasons. Whatever your preference might be, you will find a career here both interesting and rewarding. Take a look at the example jobs below for inspiration.



By studying an equine course, you will become part of an industry supporting approximately 900,000 horses and 2 million riders in the UK

 **25,000+**

Trainee riding instructors can expect to earn between £12,000 to £17,000, reaching up to £25,000 for more experienced coaches

 **1,000 jobs**

There are an estimated 1,000 employees already working full- or part-time in around 250 equine businesses in Scotland

Routes into a career in the Equine Industry

Depending on your current skills and experience, you could enter at different levels.

JOB LEVELS	VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS	SCQF LEVEL	ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
Director Level		12	Doctorate
		11	Masters
Managerial Roles		10	Honours Degree
		9	Degree
		8	HND Equine Studies
Supervisory Roles	Scottish Vocational Qualification Modern Apprenticeship	7	Advanced Higher HNC Equine Studies
		6	Advanced Certificate Horse Care
Supervised Roles	Scottish Vocational Qualification Modern Apprenticeship	5	National 5 National Certificate Horse Care
Entry Level	Scottish Vocational Qualification	4	National 4 National Certificate Rural Skills

Professional qualifications are available from the British Horse Society and other providers at various levels

USEFUL LINKS

Borders College www.borderscollege.ac.uk
 BHS <https://pathways.bhs.org.uk>
 Easterton Stables www.eastertonstables.co.uk

Horse Sense www.cartney.com
 North Highland College UHI www.northhighland.uhi.ac.uk
 Ross Dhu Equestrian www.scottishhorsehelp.co.uk
 SRUC www.sruc.ac.uk



More than 1.2 million people attend show jumping events each year



There are over 2500 registered farriers in the UK



Qualified people can find work across Scotland and the world



Our Stories



Vivienne Wilson

Viv completed her BHS stages 1–3 qualifications part-time before making the move to working with horses full-time in a livery yard. She gained a BHS scholarship and then went on to complete her BHS APC Stage 4 Senior Coach in Complete Horsemanship.

“Working towards the BHS complete horsemanship qualification was a great experience as I really loved combining training and work. The system is flexible enough to fit around your lifestyle and the complete horsemanship route provides a real depth of knowledge and understanding of horses as well as allowing me to develop as a coach. I would thoroughly recommend the BHS as a career path for anyone with a keen interest in equestrianism. Working with horses is hard work but it’s also very rewarding!”

Laura Manby

Laura has been doing the Equido Level 3 Instructor course, while working as a horse care technician for Ross Dhu Equestrian Ltd. She is the winner of Lantra Scotland’s equine learner of the year award.

“I have always loved working with animals, particularly horses. The physical outdoor side and the emotional benefits of working with them are really rewarding, and I’m lucky to have a job where I can combine my love for horses with some teaching too. Seeing horses with issues or difficulties gradually rediscover confidence in themselves and watching the partnership between horse and rider blossom is something really special. The biggest requirement for working with horses is passion. If you have that, there are few jobs more rewarding.”



Find out more

If you would like more information on training or qualifications, email scotland@lantra.co.uk or call **01738 310164**.

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