

A CAREER IN THE Equine Industry



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.

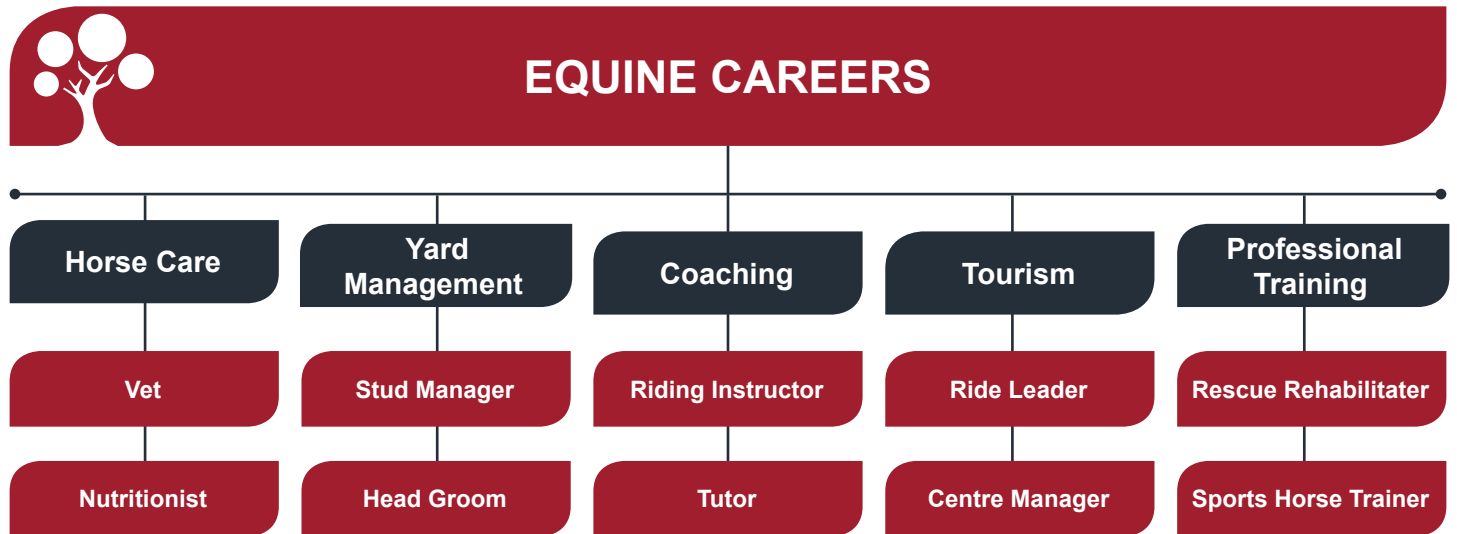
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Career Options

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	WORK-BASED	SCQF LEVEL	SCHOOL, COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY
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	Higher Advanced Certificate Horse Care NPA Horse Care
Supervised Roles	Scottish Vocational Qualification Modern Apprenticeship	5	National 5 NC Horse Care NPA Rural Skills
Entry Level	Scottish Vocational Qualification	4	National 4 Skills for Work: Rural Skills NPA Horse Care

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

USEFUL LINKS

Borders College

BHS

Calgow Equestrian

Equestrian Qualifications

www.borderscollege.ac.uk

<https://pathways.bhs.org.uk>

01671 402161

www.equestrian-qualifications.org.uk

Horse Sense

North Highland College UHI

Ross Dhu Equestrian

SRUC

01465 713513

www.northhighland.uhi.ac.uk

www.scottishhorsehelp.co.uk

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



Aimee MacRae

Aimee has been involved with the equine industry since learning to ride as a toddler, so it was only natural that when she left school she joined Ross Dhu Equestrian and became a Level 4 Equido Approved Groundworks Instructor.

"My key duty is to make sure our horse welfare is to a high standard in all weathers, so I delegate jobs to my team and make sure everything runs smoothly and quickly. I work with and have managed horses with all sorts of physical or psychological issues and have learned that the most "difficult" animals are the ones who teach you the most."

"The most satisfying part of my job is seeing horse and owner connect again after a trauma. These moments when you see the bond return makes me so proud of people overcoming their fears and the transformation in a horse's behaviour is what makes my job worth doing. Working in this industry needs dedication, but it really is rewarding and worth it."

Jen Doherty

Having done a Modern Apprenticeship in Equine Studies and gained experience at a number of different yards, Jen was able to get the job of yard supervisor at Busby Equitation Centre.

"My main responsibility is to make sure the yard runs smoothly every day, so that lessons take place and that horses' needs are met."

Everyone's here because we love horses and genuinely share the same passion, so it's a great atmosphere. Even on our days off we still come up to the centre and do a bit of riding. I'd recommend doing a Modern Apprenticeship."

"You get to earn while you learn, and it gives you more realistic expectations of what an equine career involves. The best thing about this job is I'm doing my hobby for a living so I absolutely love coming in each day. It can sometimes be hard work, but it's always rewarding."



Find out more

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