

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF LICENCE

RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS

1. Consideration shall be given to the condition of horses. They shall be maintained in good health and be physically fit. A horse kept for letting out on hire for riding or providing instruction in riding shall be suitable for whichever purpose it is used.
2. The feet of all animals must be properly trimmed and, if shod, their shoes must be correctly fitted and in good condition.
3. There must be available at all times accommodation for horses that is suitable as regards construction, size, number of occupants (1 horse per stall), lighting, ventilation, drainage and cleanliness.
4. Horses maintained at grass must be provided with adequate pasture, shelter and water at all times and supplementary feeds must be provided as and when required.
5. Horses must be adequately supplied with suitable food, drink and bedding material, and must be adequately exercised, groomed, rested and visited at regular intervals.
6. Food supplies must be adequate for the horses' requirements and there should be sufficient for the animals in the establishment, with reasonable reserves stored satisfactorily.
7. All reasonable precautions shall be taken to prevent and control the spread of infectious or contagious diseases. First-aid equipment and medicines where kept on the premises shall be stored in a suitably marked cupboard, which must be kept clean.
8. Appropriate steps to protect and extricate horses in an emergency must be taken. A permanently fixed hose and an adequate number of fire extinguishers recommended by the Fire Prevention Officer are to be provided and adequately maintained on the premises.
9. The name, address and telephone number of the Licensee or some other reasonable person shall be displayed in a prominent position on the outside of the premises along with the instructions to be taken in the event of a fire or other emergency.
10. Adequate accommodation shall be provided for forage, bedding, stable equipment and saddlery.
11. Saddlery and equipment shall be maintained in a good condition so as not to cause suffering to the horse or accident to the rider. Particular attention being given to the condition of the leather buckles, stitching and padding, and to the degree of wear on cheek-pieces of bits and rings and snaffles. Single webbing girths are not recommended.
12. 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 unless the Licensee has obtained at his own expense, a veterinary certificate stating that the horse is fit for work, and has also notified the Local Authority.
13. No horse shall be let out on hire for riding or used 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 Licensee is satisfied that the hirer of the horse is competent to ride without supervision.
14. 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.
15. The Licensee 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 use of a horse as aforesaid, and which also insures such persons in respect of any liability which may be incurred by them in respect of injury to any person caused by, or arising out of, the hire or use of a horse aforesaid.
16. A register shall be kept by the Licensee on the premises of all horses in his possession aged three years and under. The register shall be available for inspection by an authorised officer at all reasonable times.
17. In the case of lock-up premises, the Licensee shall ensure that a key is available locally, and the name and address of where this key is kept must be clearly displayed.
18. Any horse brought to the riding establishment after the date of the veterinary inspection associated with the granting of this licence, for the purposes of it being let out on hire for riding, or for the purpose of it being used in return for payment for instruction in riding, shall be subject to a veterinary inspection, at the Licensee's expense. A veterinary certificate stating that the horse is both fit and suitable for that purpose shall be sent to the Local Authority before the horse is used for the purpose of hire or instruction for riding.