



## HC-L1-P08 - TACKING UP

Assessment Criteria covered:

**112** 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 2.1

### Task Overview

Learners will demonstrate safe and effective tacking up and untacking procedures within the yard environment. This practical task focuses on preparing and fitting tack correctly, handling equipment safely, maintaining horse comfort, following health and safety procedures, and working calmly around horses.

Learners must demonstrate safe working practices at all times while following instructions from staff.

### Activities to be Completed

Learners must complete the following practical duties:

- Prepare tack and equipment safely
- Identify different items of tack
- Check tack for cleanliness and signs of damage
- Put on a saddle correctly
- Fit a saddle cloth or numnah correctly
- Put on a bridle safely and correctly
- Adjust straps and fastenings appropriately
- Remove tack safely after use
- Store tack correctly after untacking
- Maintain a clean and tidy working area
- Wear appropriate PPE during all activities

### Use of Tools and Equipment

Learners must demonstrate safe and correct use of tack and equipment, including:

- Saddle
- Saddle cloth or numnah
- Girth
- Bridle
- Reins
- Stirrup leathers and irons

Learners should:

- Handle tack carefully and safely
- Use equipment for its intended purpose
- Check tack for damage before use
- Report damaged or unsafe tack
- Clean and store tack correctly after use

### PPE Requirements

Learners must select and wear suitable PPE, including:

- Sturdy footwear or riding boots
- Gloves where appropriate
- Suitable yard clothing

Learners should explain why PPE is important when working around horses and tack.



### **Manual Handling and Safe Working**

Learners must demonstrate safe working practices when:

- Lifting saddles
- Carrying tack
- Moving around the horse safely

Learners should show:

- Correct lifting posture
- Calm and controlled movements
- Safe positioning around the horse
- Awareness of horse behaviour and body language

### **Health and Safety Requirements**

Learners must:

- Work calmly and safely around horses
- Follow instructions from staff
- Maintain awareness of surroundings
- Keep tack and equipment organised
- Prevent hazards within the working area
- Maintain hygiene and cleanliness standards

Examples of hazards may include:

- Tack left on the floor
- Damaged straps or buckles
- Unsafe positioning around horses
- Untidy working areas
- Incorrectly fitted tack