



LEVEL 4 LEARNING PROGRAMMES IN THE THOROUGHBRED INDUSTRY

The British Horseracing Authority (BHA) has introduced a suite of higher-level learning programmes for the Thoroughbred industry which are endorsed by 1st4Sport.

The National Stud is now delivering the following four programmes;

- **The Management of the Thoroughbred Stallion**
- **The Management of Thoroughbred Breeding Operations**
- **The Management of the Purchase and Sale of Thoroughbred Horses**
- **Managing Staff Recruitment, Training and Retention in Horseracing**

These self-study programmes are designed to build on a learner's knowledge and skills gained from previous qualifications or work experience, and are specific to particular vocational areas of work.

Format

- Learners on this programme will be assigned a mentor who will guide the learner through each stage, from induction to completion. The mentor will be someone who has experience in the field and will also be able to assist with career guidance following completion of the programme for learners not currently in employment.
- As this is a self-study programme, the learner does not have to juggle deadlines with a busy working life. However, we do encourage completion within 12 months so that the content is kept current and the learner remains motivated.
- Learners will compile a portfolio throughout the programme. The portfolio will consist of written tasks to evaluate knowledge and understanding, with real-life examples of experiences gained in the workplace. This will act as a useful reference guide for the learner in the future.
- Learners will be encouraged to include video and photographic evidence where possible to highlight vocational learning. This evidence can also become part of an online CV for future prospective employers.

- Following the completion of the portfolio, the learner will attend a professional discussion with a panel to assess learning and competency.

Points for consideration before applying

- An endorsed learning programme is an industry-developed, structured training programme that is externally validated to confirm good practice and demonstrate a quality product. Certificates of achievement will be issued by 1st4Sport's Endorsement Service.
- This programme forms part of The Breeding Industry Pathway. For more information on other levels and course availability please contact the National Stud using the details at the end of this document.
- All applicants must be over 18 years of age and given the nature of this programme, should have a reasonable level of industry experience.
- Applicants do not need to be currently working in the industry but must have relevant experience to enrol. The applicant's suitability will be assessed in the initial stages of enrolment.

Costs

Each programme is valued at £1,500. However, these programmes are currently industry subsidised so the learner only pays a registration fee of £100. For further bursary support please contact CATS: <https://racingwelfare.co.uk/cats-careers-advice-training-service/> who may be able to provide financial support towards registrations fees.

How to apply

- The Education team can help with any questions regarding the programme, your application or any of the other courses that we offer. Please email: students@nationalstud.co.uk or phone: **01638-663464**.

We look forward to hearing from you!