



RIDING ESTABLISHMENT ACT, 1964 AND 1970

Standard Licence Conditions subject to which Licence is granted

1. Horses shall be maintained in good health and in all respects physically fit. In the case of a horse kept for the purpose of its being let out on hire for riding or a horse kept for the purpose of its being used in providing instruction in riding, the horse shall be suitable for the purpose for which it is kept.
2. The feet of all animals shall be properly trimmed and, if shod, shall be properly fitted and in good condition.
3. There shall be available at all times, accommodation for horses suitable as respects construction, size, number of occupants, lighting, ventilation, drainage and cleanliness. These requirements shall be complied with not only in the case of new buildings but also in the case of buildings converted for use as stabling.
4. In the case of horses maintained at grass there shall be available for them at all times during which they are so maintained adequate pasture and shelter and water. Supplementary feeds shall be provided as and when required.
5. Horses shall be adequately supplied with suitable food, drink and (except in the case of horses maintained at grass so long as they are so maintained) bedding material and shall be adequately exercised, groomed and rested and visited at suitable intervals.
6. All reasonable precautions shall be taken to prevent and control the spread among horses of infectious or contagious diseases. Veterinary first aid equipment and medicines shall be provided and maintained in the premises.
7. Appropriate steps shall be taken for the protection and extrication of horse in case of fire. The name, address and telephone number of the licence holder or some other responsible person shall be kept displayed in a prominent position on the outside of the premises together with instructions as to action to be taken in the event of fire, with particular regard to the extrication of horses.
8. Adequate accommodation shall be provided for the storage of forage, bedding, stable equipment and saddlery.

9. All saddlery shall be kept in good condition and examined regularly for faults and imperfections.
10. 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 until the holder of the licence has obtained, at his own expense, and has lodged with the Council a veterinary certificate that the horse is fit for work.
11. 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 of riding) the holder of the licence is satisfied that the hirer of the horse is competent to ride without supervision.
12. The carrying on of the business of a riding establishment shall at no time be left in charge of any person under 16 years of age.
13. The licence holder 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 the licence holder against liability for injury to any third party caused by, or arising out of, the hire or use of a horse as aforesaid. The policy and receipt for the current premium shall be produced to the Chief Executive on demand.
14. A register shall be kept by the licence holder of all horses in his possession aged three years and under and usually kept on the premises which shall be available for inspection by an authorised officer at all reasonable times.
15. The number of horses accommodated at the establishment at any one time shall not exceed ***** horses which have been examined by the veterinary surgeon (details of which are contained in his certificate) shall be the approved number of horses for hire.
16. No horses aged three years or under nor any mare heavy with foal nor mare within three months after foaling may be let out on hire for riding or used, in return for payment, for instruction in demonstrating riding.
17. Any riding equipment supplied for a horse let out on hire shall be free from visible defect which is likely to cause suffering to the horse or accident to the rider.
18. The construction of the riding establishment shall be substantial, adequate to contain the animals and provided with warmth and shelter in clean and hygienic conditions. There shall be convenient and safe access to stalls and boxes. Stalls must be large enough to allow the animal to lie down and get up without risk or injury. Boxes shall be large enough to allow the animal to turn around.

19. Yards must provide enough space for adequate exercise of every animal kept there.
20. Lighting shall be adequate to render the use of artificial light unnecessary in daylight.
21. Ventilation must provide fresh air without draughts.
22. Drainage shall be adequate to carry away liquid voided by the horses and keep the standing dry.
23. There shall be provision for storage and disposal of manure and spoiled straw or bedding.
24. Breach of any of the above conditions may render the licensee liable to a fine of up to level 3 on the standard scale and/or three months imprisonment and/or disqualification from holding a licence.