



# Learn to Ride Western 1

## **PREREQUISITES**

The Rider is capable of tacking and riding a calm horse at the walk, job and lope in a closed ring. The rider must also show sufficient knowledge of the Rider 1 portion of the handbook.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

The Rider must be a current member in good standing of Horse Council BC.

He/She must also pass a written exam on stable management and the handling of the horse as well as a practical exam in which they must show their ability to:

- a) Place and adjust a halter and tie the horse in a secure manner
- b) Demonstrate proper grooming
- c) Demonstrate proper horse handling on the ground.
- d) Saddle and bridle correctly
- e) Mount and dismount in an acceptable manner
- f) Maintain an acceptable position of: the body, legs and hands at the three gaits – walk, jog and lope
- g) Demonstrate the proper aids for the three gaits and recognition of leads.
- h) Demonstrate properly the elementary method of stopping and backing up
- i) Demonstrate and explain the rein effects of the direct and opening rein.

A passing mark of 70% is required for both the written and the ridden tests.

## **OBTAINING THE TEST**

The Rider's current Equine Canada Certified Examiner/Coach may contact the Horse Council BC office and request the Rider 1 Test. This will be mailed directly to the Examiner/Coach.

## **THE EXAMINER**

For this RiderTest, any Current EC Western Coach 1 or higher may act as examiner. Only one examiner is required and may be the rider's regular coach.

## **DRESS AND THE HORSE**

The rider must be properly and neatly dressed for the exam in western attire. The horse must be properly groomed and equipment clean and in good repair.

## **CERTIFICATE**

The examiner forwards the completed exam forms to the Horse Council BC office along with the applicable fees. There is an administration fee of \$15.75 (includes GST) per test (payable by the rider). The membership to Horse Council BC (if not already purchased) may be paid for at this time as well. A certificate will only be issued after the membership and administration fees have been received.



# Learn to Ride Western 2

## **PREREQUISITES**

The Rider is capable of tacking and riding a calm horse at the walk, job and lope in a closed ring. The rider must also show sufficient knowledge of the Rider 2 handbook. The Rider must also have achieved their Learn to Ride Western 1 Certificate.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

The Rider must be a current member in good standing of Horse Council BC.

He/She must also pass a written exam on stable management and the handling of the horse as well as a practical exam in which they must show their ability to:

- a) Demonstrate the proper riding position with the use of the one hand and two handed positions.
- b) Demonstrate how to post on the correct diagonal and change diagonals.
- c) Maintain a proper riding position of the body, legs, and hands
- d) Demonstrate variations of speed at the lope
- e) Execute transitions of the gaits
- f) Name and demonstrate the effects of the Indirect Rein or Neck Rein
- g) Be able to identify the correct lead (within 5-6 strides)
- h) Execute correctly all practical work referred to in Rider 1

A passing mark of 70% is required for both the written and the ridden tests.

## **OBTAINING THE TEST**

The Rider's current Equine Canada Certified Examiner/Coach may contact the Horse Council BC office and request the Rider 2 Test. This will be mailed directly to the Examiner/Coach.

## **THE EXAMINER**

For this Rider Test, any Current EC Western Coach 1 or higher may act as examiner. Only one examiner is required and may be the rider's regular coach.

## **DRESS AND THE HORSE**

The rider must be properly and neatly dressed for the exam in western attire. The horse must be properly groomed and equipment clean and in good repair.

## **CERTIFICATE**

The examiner forwards the completed exam forms to the Horse Council BC office along with the applicable fees. There is an administration fee of \$15.75 (includes GST) per test (payable by the rider). The membership to Horse Council BC (if not already purchased) may be paid for at this time as well. A certificate will only be issued after the membership and administration fees have been received.



# Learn to Ride Western 3

## **PREREQUISITES**

The Rider is capable of tacking and riding a calm horse at the walk, job and lope in a closed ring. The rider must also show sufficient knowledge of the Rider 1 and 2 portions of the handbook and have achieved these certificates.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

The Rider must be a current member in good standing of Horse Council BC.

He/She must also pass a written exam on stable management and the handling of the horse as well as a practical exam in which they must show their ability to:

- a) Demonstrate and explain the Rein of Opposition
- b) Bandage correctly, including shipping, stable, tail
- c) Describe and name three bits and explain their use
- d) Rider turn out will include overall performance and attitudes; clothing, neatness and conduct
- e) Name and demonstrate the effect of leg aids
- f) Execute turn on the forehand
- g) Execute turn on the haunches
- h) Execute with proficiency all practical work covered in Riders 1 and 2

A passing mark of 70% is required for both the written and the ridden tests.

## **OBTAINING THE TEST**

The Rider's current Equine Canada Certified Examiner/Coach may contact the Horse Council BC office and request the Rider 3 Test. This will be mailed directly to the Examiner/Coach.

## **THE EXAMINER**

For this Rider Test, any Current EC Western Coach 1 or higher may act as examiner. Only one examiner is required and may be the rider's regular coach.

## **DRESS AND THE HORSE**

The rider must be properly and neatly dressed for the exam in western attire. The horse must be properly groomed and equipment clean and in good repair.

## **CERTIFICATE**

The examiner forwards the completed exam forms to the Horse Council BC office along with the applicable fees. There is an administration fee of \$15.75 (includes GST) per test (payable by the rider). The membership to Horse Council BC (if not already purchased) may be paid for at this time as well. A certificate will only be issued after the membership and administration fees have been received.



# Learn to Ride Western 4

## **PREREQUISITES**

The Rider is capable of tacking and riding a calm horse at the walk, job and lope in a closed ring. The rider must also show sufficient knowledge of the Rider 1, 2 and 3 portions of the handbook and have also achieved these certificates.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

The Rider must be a current member in good standing of Horse Council BC.

He/She must also pass a written exam on stable management and the handling of the horse as well as a practical exam in which they must show their ability to:

- a) Understand and explain basic collection
- b) Execute a simple change of leads from both directions
- c) Demonstrate proper lungeing procedures
- d) Demonstrate and explain the Side Pass
- e) Demonstrate and explain Two Track movements
- f) Demonstrate all practical work referred to in Riders 1, 2 and 3

A passing mark of 70% is required for both the written and the ridden tests.

## **OBTAINING THE TEST**

The Rider's current Equine Canada Certified Examiner/Coach may contact the Horse Council BC office and request the Rider 4Test. This will be mailed directly to the Examiner/Coach.

## **THE EXAMINER**

For this Rider Test, there must be **two** Current EC Western Coaches 1 or higher or 1 Course Conductor to act as examiners. One examiner may be the rider's regular coach.

## **DRESS AND THE HORSE**

The rider must be properly and neatly dressed for the exam in western attire. The horse must be properly groomed and equipment clean and in good repair.

## **CERTIFICATE**

The examiner forwards the completed exam forms to the Horse Council BC office along with the applicable fees. There is an administration fee of \$15.75 (includes GST) per test (payable by the rider). The membership to Horse Council BC (if not already purchased) may be paid for at this time as well. A certificate will only be issued after the membership and administration fees have been received.