



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 4 Test. 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.