

# EUROPASS SUPPLEMENT TO THE DIPLOMA

TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (original language: ES)

*Técnico en actividades ecuestres*

TRANSLATED TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (English)

*Diploma of Education in Equestrian Activities*

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## PROFILE OF SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

The holder has acquired general skills relating to handling and caring for equine livestock throughout each of their productive phases, as well as working as a guide on equestrian itineraries, paying special attention to animal safety and welfare, using and maintaining facilities, machinery and equipment and complying with animal welfare, occupational risk prevention and environmental protection regulations.

Within this framework, each PROFESSIONAL MODULE includes the following LEARNING RESULTS that the holder acquires.

### “Alimentación, manejo general y primeros auxilios de équidos” (Equine Feeding, General Handling and First Aid).

The title holder:

- Collects and stores food for the livestock, identifying its characteristics and availability.
- Prepares and distributes equine feed rations, according to established protocol, relating the particular characteristics of the animals to their physiological state and production phase.
- Carries out the general handling of the equines, interpreting the safety regulations to avoid hazardous situations.
- Transfers equines in groups, loading, unloading and transporting them, describing the handling techniques.
- Applies first aid to the equines, in accordance with the established protocol, relating the techniques to the different pathologies.

### “Mantenimiento físico, cuidados e higiene equina” (Physical Maintenance, Care and Equine Hygiene).

The title holder:

- Controls the general condition of the animals, equipment and facilities, interpreting the action protocols and maintenance routines.
- Cleans and maintains the hygiene of the equine livestock, relating the techniques to the materials and products used.
- Performs elementary physical maintenance of the equine, relating the techniques to the overall condition of the animal and the activity it performs.
- Takes care of the animals' hooves, analysing the techniques and following the instructions.
- Collects samples and applies basic health treatments, interpreting the action protocols.

### “Reproducción, cría y recría de équidos” (Reproduction, Breeding and Rearing of Equines).

The title holder:

- Collaborates in the development of the reproduction programme of an equine farm, interpreting the established procedure.
- Carries out covering tasks and collaborates in the application of assisted reproduction methods and in the monitoring of the pregnancy, following the instructions and analysing the techniques and means employed.
- Assists in childbirth and postpartum tasks, interpreting the established protocol.
- Handles the colts and the mares during breeding and weaning, relating the methods, techniques and means to the general condition of the colt and the farm's production plan.
- Controls the rearing phase, relating the methods, techniques and means to the individual characteristics of each colt and its destiny in its adult phase.

### “Herrado de équidos” (Equine Shoeing).

The title holder:

- Collaborates in the inspection of the condition of the hoof, analysing the movement of the animal.
- Selects, prepares and maintains horseshoeing tools, materials and equipment, relating them to the type of operation to be performed.
- Leads the equine to the shoeing site, describing its handling according to the animal's ethology.
- Removes the rivets, raises the horseshoe and cleans the sole and hoof of an equine, justifying the tools, materials and techniques used.
- Prepares the hoof and the horseshoe, according to established protocol, relating the techniques to the operating procedures.

- Attaches the horseshoe to the hoof, following established protocol, analysing the applicable techniques and procedures.

#### **“Desbrave y doma a la cuerda de potros” (Tame and Halter-break Colts).**

The title holder:

- Separates, approaches and examines the colt being reared, interpreting the action protocols in each case.
- Places and fits the halter on the colt, analysing its characteristics and utilities.
- Leads the colt with the halter breaking equipment in place, relating the handling techniques to its behaviour.
- Makes contact with the colt using ropes, interpreting the protocols established in each case.
- Initiates the colt in working on the rope with the help of an assistant, relating the handling techniques to the desired objectives.
- Works with the colt using ropes without the help of an assistant, relating the means to the procedures and training techniques.

#### **“Adiestramiento” (Training).**

The title holder:

- Makes contact with the standing horse, interpreting procedures and operating techniques.
- Mounts the colt on the rope, relating the handling techniques to its behaviour.
- Rides the colt loose and perfects basic dressage, describing the techniques to be applied.
- Initiates the colt for draught work, describing the instruments and the established protocol.
- Trains the colt for jumping, relating the techniques to the materials and the facilities.

#### **“Técnicas de equitación” (Riding techniques).**

The title holder:

- Selects, puts on and removes the equipment for mounting, interpreting its use and analysing its functionality.
- Foresees, in the process prior to mounting, the possible reactions of the mounted equine, evaluating its physical conditions, temperament and aptitudes.
- Mounts safely and with balance in all three gaits, relating the techniques to the type of animal, the terrain and the situation.
- Mounts safely and with balance in steps of relative difficulty, analysing the applicable techniques and procedures in each situation.
- Assesses the horse while riding it, analysing its reactions.

#### **“Exhibiciones y concursos de ganado equino” (Equine Livestock Exhibitions and Competitions).**

The title holder:

- Prepares and trains the animal in movements and postures for exhibitions and competitions, interpreting the rules.
- Familiarises the equines with the exhibition and competition facilities, relating the characteristics of the animal and the nature of the exhibition to the means, equipment and materials.
- Aesthetically prepares the animal, interpreting the rules and conditions of the exhibition or competition.
- Presents the equine livestock at exhibitions and competitions, interpreting the techniques to be used.
- Collaborates in the marketing of equines, describing the protocols of action.

#### **“Guía ecuestre” (Equestrian Guide).**

The title holder:

- Reviews, prepares and collects materials, horses and means for the route, interpreting their use and the established procedure.
- Checks and adapts the equestrian routes, analysing the characteristics of the participants and the conditions in which the activity is carried out.
- Guides groups along equestrian itineraries, relating the techniques used to progress with the established programme and the environmental conditions.
- Collaborates in the organization of recreational equestrian activities, interpreting the established procedure.
- Carries out recreational equestrian activities, according to the established protocol, relating the characteristics of the participants to the operating procedures.
- Assesses recreational equestrian activities and that of leading groups on horseback, analysing the data collected.

#### **“Atención a grupos” (Support for Groups).**

The title holder:

- Characterises the group dynamics, relating them to the underlying psychological and sociological aspects.
- Develops strategies and techniques for group dynamics according to the context of the intervention, adapting the use of the techniques to its phases.
- Identifies communication techniques, analysing the characteristics of the groups and the people involved in the process.
- Implements group conflict management and problem-solving strategies, selecting techniques depending on the context of the intervention.
- Evaluates group processes, identifying aspects that can be improved.

### **“Organización de itinerarios” (Organisation of Itineraries).**

The title holder:

- Assesses the intervention context of guided activities in the natural environment, selecting relevant information for the design of itineraries.
- Selects relevant elements for the design of itineraries, interpreting maps to that end.
- Designs itineraries through the natural environment, relating the area, available means and the profile of the group to the requested service.
- Establishes the necessary resources to complete the itinerary, analysing the type of activity and the interests of the participants.
- Specifies safety protocols for the itineraries in the natural environment, determining the behaviours and the necessary resources.
- Determines the process of following the route, specifying the type of data needed to make improvements to it.

### **“Primeros auxilios” (First Aid).**

The title holder:

- Conducts an initial assessment of assistance in an emergency, describing risks, available resources and type of assistance required.
- Applies basic life support techniques, describing them and relating them to the objective to be achieved.
- Applies procedures for the immobilisation and mobilisation of victims, selecting the material means and techniques.
- Applies psychological support and self-control techniques to the injured person and their companions, describing and applying the appropriate communication strategies.

### **“Formación y orientación laboral” (Training and Career Guidance).**

The title holder:

- Selects employment opportunities, identifying the different possibilities of insertion and lifelong learning alternatives.
- Applies teamwork strategies, assessing their effectiveness and efficiency for the achievement of the organisation's objectives.
- Exercises the rights and complies with the obligations derived from labour relations, recognising them in the different employment contracts.
- Determines the protective action of the Social Security system in the face of the different contingencies covered, identifying the different types of benefits.
- Assesses the risks derived from his or her activity, analysing the working conditions and the risk factors that exist in their working environment.
- Participates in the preparation of a risk prevention plan in a small company, identifying the responsibilities of all the agents involved.
- Applies prevention and protection measures, analysing risk situations in the work environment of the holder of a Diploma of Higher Education in Equestrian Activities.

### **“Empresa e iniciativa emprendedora” (Company and Entrepreneurial Initiative).**

The title holder:

- Recognises skills associated with entrepreneurship, analysing requirements derived from jobs and business activities.
- Defines the opportunity to create a small company, assessing its impact on the environment and incorporating ethical values.
- Carries out activities for the incorporation and start-up of a company, selecting the legal form and identifying the associated legal obligations.
- Carries out administrative and financial management activities for an SME, identifying the main accounting and tax obligations and filling in documentation.

### **“Formación en centros de trabajo” (Workplace Training).**

The title holder:

- Identifies the structure and organisation of the company, relating them to the type of service it produces or provides.
- Applies ethical and labour habits in the development of his or her professional activity, in accordance with the characteristics of the job and the procedures established in the company.
- Performs assistance and support tasks for the reproduction, breeding and rearing of equines, following the instructions and the farm's reproductive plan.
- Carries out tasks involving the feeding, physical maintenance, aesthetic preparation and care and hygiene of equines, applying the established techniques and protocols.
- Shoes horses, using tools, materials and equipment in accordance with the operation being carried out.
- Tames and breaks in colts or horses, using handling techniques appropriate to their behaviour and the desired objectives.
- Collaborates in the organisation and development of equestrian, sporting and recreational itineraries and activities, taking into account the characteristics of the participants and the procedures for action.

## RANGE OF OCCUPATIONS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HOLDER OF THE CERTIFICATE

The holder of a Diploma of Education in Equestrian Activities carries out his or her activity in public or private companies of any size, either independently or under contract. This professional develops his or her professional activity in companies dedicated to the production, training, breaking-in, mounting and exhibition of equines and in the field of recreational activities in natural surroundings and active or adventure tourism, in the areas of programming, organisation, development, monitoring and evaluation of horseback itineraries through varied terrains for all types of users.

The following are the most relevant occupations and jobs:

- Worker in horse breeding.
- Employee for the care and handling of equine livestock and their facilities.
- Employee for breaking in colts in equine breeding farms.
- Employee for breaking in colts in equine training centres.
- Employee for breaking in colts in horse boarding, rest and recovery centres.
- Employee for breaking in colts in stud farms and in centres for the selection and testing of stallions and mares.
- Employee in service companies related to the equine sector.
- Assistant farrier of equine livestock.
- Camp monitor.
- Guide for horseback itineraries.
- Responsible for prevention and safety in equestrian routes and events.
- Designer of equestrian itineraries up to the mid-mountain level.

## OFFICIAL BASIS OF THE CERTIFICATE

**Name and status of the body awarding the certificate:** The Ministerio de Educación (the Ministry of Education) or the Autonomous Communities in the area of their own administrative responsibility. The degree has academic and professional effects that are valid throughout the entire State.

**Official duration of the Diploma:** 2,000 hours.

**Level of the certificate (national or international):**

- NATIONAL: Post-compulsory secondary education.
- INTERNATIONAL:
  - Level 3 of the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED 3).
  - Level 4A of the European Qualifications Framework (EQF4).

**Entry requirements:** A Graduate Degree in Secondary Education, or a Certificate of having passed the corresponding entrance test.

**Access to the next level of education or training:** Will be able to access Higher Level Training Cycles, subject to passing an entrance test.

**Legal basis.** Rules and regulations on which the Diploma is based:

- Minimum teaching requirements established by the State: Royal Decree 652/2017, of 23 June, which establishes the Diploma of Higher Education in Equestrian Activities, and which lays down the corresponding minimum education requirements.

**Explanatory note:** This document is intended as supplementary information to the Diploma in question, but on its own it does not have any legal validity.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE EDUCATION SYSTEM

