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# Horse Groom

More information can be found at

[Horse Groom | Job Information \(gov.wales\)](https://gov.wales/job-information/horse-groom)



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# Qualifications Required

## **GCSE (D-G), NVQ 1 up to GCSE (A-C), NVQ 2 Qualifications**

To get onto an Intermediate or Advanced Level Apprenticeship, you'll usually need five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, possibly including English and Maths.

Various vocational BTEC and City and Guilds qualifications are available and could help you to get into this career, including:

- BTEC level 2 - horse care
- BTEC level 3 - animal management
- City & Guilds level 1 - equine skills
- City & Guilds level 2 and level 3 - horse care



# Skills and Qualities

To become a Horse Groom, you don't always have to be a competent rider, although you will often need a basic standard of riding.

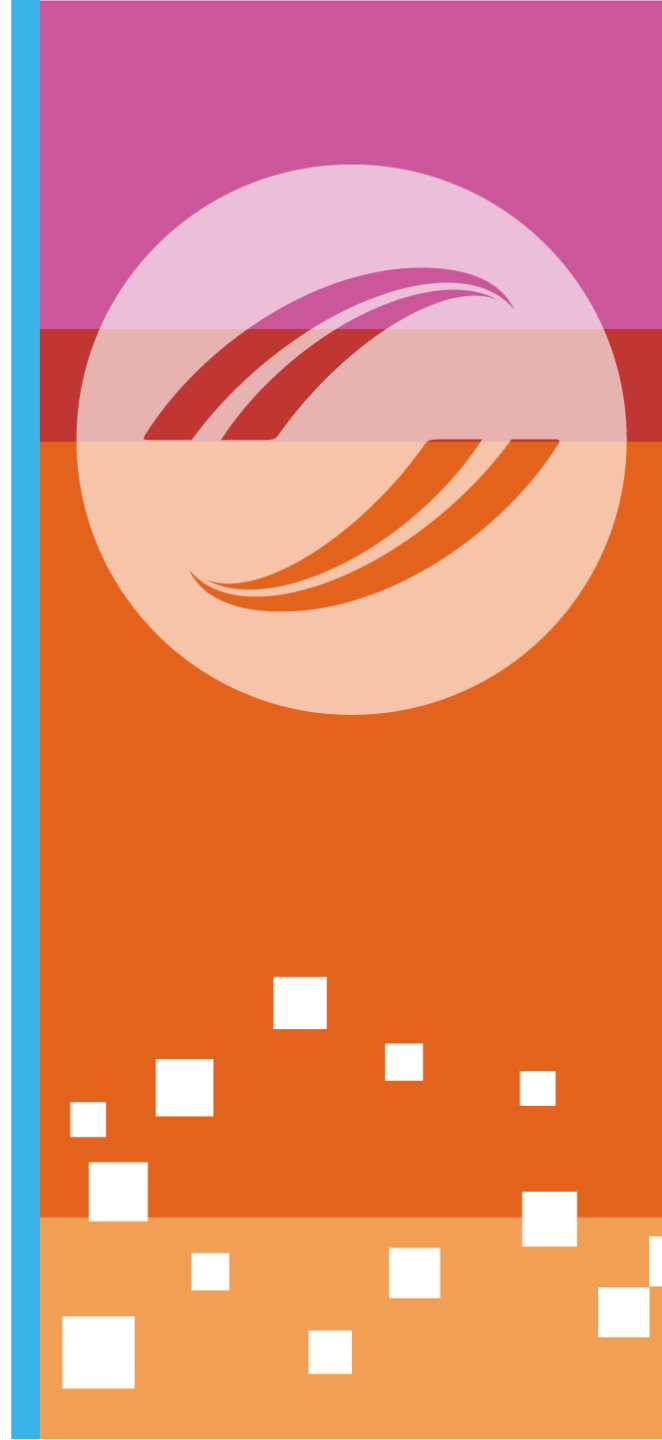
You'll also need:

- physical fitness and stamina
- good observational skills to notice changes in a horse's condition
- practical hand skills
- attention to detail
- willingness to work outside in all types of weather, and to do routine tasks
- communication skills to talk to Owners, Vets, Riding Instructors and riding school customers
- the ability to keep clear, accurate written records
- basic number skills, for example, for measuring feed
- the ability to follow written instructions, including from Vets

A driving licence can be useful in some jobs, for example, to drive horseboxes

## **Do I need Welsh Language skills?**

Welsh Language skills are often asked for. Being able to read, write and speak Welsh may be an advantage when you're looking for work in Wales



# Entry Routes

Entry is possible through a trainee or apprenticeship scheme.

There are training schemes with employers such as riding schools, equestrian centres, livery yards, and stud and breeding yards, including the National Stud.

Training providers such as the British Racing School and the Northern Racing College also run schemes.

An Intermediate or Advanced Apprenticeship is a great place to start.

Some people go in after doing a relevant college course, such as a BTEC or City & Guilds qualification

For more information, please go to - [Horse Groom - How to become | Job Information \(gov.wales\)](#)



# Salary

The pay rates given below are approximate.

- Starting: £20,500 - £22,000

- With experience: £22,500 - £25,000





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# For more information or help with your career planning

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