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# Working in the Equine Industry

## Options and Opportunities

### What are my options?

Despite the often heard comment from parents 'my child wants to work with horses but I want them to get a real job', jobs within the Equine industry should not be discounted or seen as not real. There are a huge variety of opportunities within the industry, we must not just assume it is all 4am starts and muck heaps though as you will find out this does exist for those who want it.

A search of the internet for careers within the Equine Industry is not very productive and makes the decisions around career choices very difficult, this leaflet has been designed to help point you in the right direction and help you in your search for what is available in the industry.

Choices around careers in the Equine industry are vast and varied. You need to narrow this search down by deciding how you want to learn and where your focus lies.

An excellent website called [My World of Work](#) gives you tools for setting up CV's and exploring your choices.

### Narrowing down your focus

Where to start – ask yourself the question, what interests me about horses? This is a huge industry which we have tried to group similar roles together (Area of Work) to help narrow your focus – each 'Area of Work' lists the ways into employment and gives useful links so you can find out more.

This is not an exhaustive list and is intended to give you links to where you can find out more. Good luck in your searches and good luck in with your future career in the Equine Industry.

Area of work	Industry variations	Links
<p><b>Veterinary and associated</b></p> <p>If you have an interest in being a vet or doing supportive work in the veterinary industry these links maybe useful to you</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equine Vet specific (requires general veterinary training followed by specialisation)</li> <li>• Equine Vet Nurse</li> <li>• Equine Veterinary Groom</li> <li>• Equine Dentist</li> <li>• Equine Physiotherapist</li> </ul>	<p>This link take you to the RCVS site and takes you through the processes to become a Vet or Vet Nurse:  <a href="https://www.rcvs.org.uk/education/">https://www.rcvs.org.uk/education/</a></p> <p>Equine Dentistry:  <a href="https://www.beva.org.uk/useful-info/CareersinEquineHealth/Dental-Technician/EDT-Exam">https://www.beva.org.uk/useful-info/CareersinEquineHealth/Dental-Technician/EDT-Exam</a></p> <p>Equine and Physiotherapy guidelines:  <a href="http://www.acpat.org/careers-and-development">http://www.acpat.org/careers-and-development</a></p>
<p><b>Riding Schools and Coaching</b></p> <p>If you are interested in coaching people to ride from the grass routes to discipline specific coaching you may find these links useful.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• British Horse Society (BHS) – working within BHS approved Rding schools, gaining BHS qualifications , SVQ horsecare qualifications</li> <li>• Association of British Riding Schools – working with ABRS riding schools, gaining ABRS qualifications</li> <li>• Freelance Coaching – gaining UKCC coaching qualifications</li> <li>• Trekking and Riding Society of Scotland (TRSS) – working in the trekking industry with trekking qualifications</li> </ul>	<p>Training through BHS:  <a href="https://www.bhs.org.uk/education.aspx">https://www.bhs.org.uk/education.aspx</a></p> <p>Training through ABRS:  <a href="http://www.abrs-info.org">http://www.abrs-info.org</a></p> <p>Gaining UKCC qualifications:  <a href="http://www.horsescotland.org/coaching/">http://www.horsescotland.org/coaching/</a></p> <p>TRSS:  <a href="http://www.ridinginScotland.com/index.html">http://www.ridinginScotland.com/index.html</a></p>
<p><b>Groom</b></p> <p>If you are intereseted in specialising in the care of horses and grooming in various industries these links may be useful to you, offering you opportunities as to where to train and which quaifications may be relevant to you</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Racing Groom</li> <li>• Competition Groom</li> <li>• General grooming</li> <li>• Freelance groom</li> </ul>	<p>Racing Industry groom:  <a href="http://www.bhest.co.uk/">http://www.bhest.co.uk/</a></p> <p>Grooms qualifications:  <a href="https://www.bhs.org.uk/education.aspx">https://www.bhs.org.uk/education.aspx</a></p> <p>SVQ and Apprenticeships  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/equine-apprenticeships">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/equine-apprenticeships</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.sruc.ac.uk/courses/78/horse-care_svg2">https://www.sruc.ac.uk/courses/78/horse-care_svg2</a></p>

<p><b>Farrier</b></p> <p>If you are interested in shoeing horses and what is required this link may be useful to you</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Farrier You may want to specialise in racing, general or remedial shoeing upon gaining your qualification</li> </ul>	<p>Farrier Courses</p> <p><a href="https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/advice/planning/jobprofiles/Pages/farrier.aspx">https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/advice/planning/jobprofiles/Pages/farrier.aspx</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.farrier-reg.gov.uk">http://www.farrier-reg.gov.uk</a></p>
<p><b>Equine Research scientist</b></p> <p>Are you interested in sciences and wonder how you can link this to horses – have you thought of the research and science that goes into horse feeds, supplements, medicines, exercise tolerance, tack fitting etc – you can study Equine science</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feed development And advice</li> <li>• Supplement development</li> <li>• Grass sickness research</li> <li>• This list is endless</li> </ul>	<p>Equine Science Courses</p> <p><a href="http://courses.aber.ac.uk/undergraduate/equine-science-degree/">http://courses.aber.ac.uk/undergraduate/equine-science-degree/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.sparsholt.ac.uk/subject/equine-studies">https://www.sparsholt.ac.uk/subject/equine-studies</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/courses/equine/degree/equine-science-sw">http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/courses/equine/degree/equine-science-sw</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.warwickshire.ac.uk/courses/search_results/course_details.aspx?...">http://www.warwickshire.ac.uk/courses/search_results/course_details.aspx?...</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.writtle.ac.uk/UG-Equine">http://www.writtle.ac.uk/UG-Equine</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.anglia.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/equine-science-with-rehabilitation-therapies">http://www.anglia.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/equine-science-with-rehabilitation-therapies</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.glyndwr.ac.uk/en/undergraduate/courses/equinescienceandwelfaremanagement/">http://www.glyndwr.ac.uk/en/undergraduate/courses/equinescienceandwelfaremanagement/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.ed.ac.uk/vet/studying/postgraduate/taught-programmes/msc-equine-science">http://www.ed.ac.uk/vet/studying/postgraduate/taught-programmes/msc-equine-science</a></p> <p>This a sample of University's offering Equine Science – further searches may find you more</p>
<p><b>Equine retail industry</b></p> <p>If you are interested in the retail industry, selling products through online systems or general shop from you may find these links useful</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retail management skills for online and shop front businesses</li> </ul>	<p>Retail Courses</p> <p><a href="http://www.stir.ac.uk/undergraduate-study/course-information/courses-a-to-z/stirling-management-school/retail-marketing/">http://www.stir.ac.uk/undergraduate-study/course-information/courses-a-to-z/stirling-management-school/retail-marketing/</a></p>

<p><b>Saddlery</b></p> <p>If you are interest in the design and creation of leather work for all equestrian disciplines you may find these links useful</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saddle/harness and Bridle maker</li> <li>• Tack repair specialist</li> <li>• Tack fitting specailist</li> </ul>	<p>Saddlery Courses</p> <p><a href="http://www.saddlerytraining.com">http://www.saddlerytraining.com</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.mastersaddlers.co.uk/pages/TrainingSaddlery.htm">http://www.mastersaddlers.co.uk/pages/TrainingSaddlery.htm</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.saddlerytrainingscotland.com">http://www.saddlerytrainingscotland.com</a></p>
<p><b>Equine Behaviourist</b></p> <p>Supporting others to understand and manage the behaviour of their horses – are you good with animal behaviour – look at this link</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialising in Equine behaviour</li> </ul>	<p>Where you can study to be an Equine Behaviourist –</p> <p><a href="http://www.sruc.ac.uk/info/120391/oatridge_campus">http://www.sruc.ac.uk/info/120391/oatridge_campus</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.writtle.ac.uk/BSc-(Hons)-Equine-Behaviour">http://www.writtle.ac.uk/BSc-(Hons)-Equine-Behaviour</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.societyofequinebehaviourconsultants.org.uk/find-a-consultant">http://www.societyofequinebehaviourconsultants.org.uk/find-a-consultant</a></p>
<p><b>Events management</b></p> <p>Ever wondered at what goes on the background of the big events you attend, who plans and organises them – usually a highly specialist team and events management company – if this interests you these links maybe useful</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major events organiser and planner – think Blair, Royal Highland</li> </ul>	<p>Events Management</p> <p><a href="http://www.uws.ac.uk/undergraduate/events_management">http://www.uws.ac.uk/undergraduate/events_management</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.courses.napier.ac.uk/FestivalAndEventManagerManagement_U34301.htm">http://www.courses.napier.ac.uk/FestivalAndEventManagerManagement_U34301.htm</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.rgu.ac.uk/information-communication-and-media/study-options/undergraduate/events-management">http://www.rgu.ac.uk/information-communication-and-media/study-options/undergraduate/events-management</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.gcu.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/courses/details/index.php/P02568-1FTA-1617/International%20Events%20Management">http://www.gcu.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/courses/details/index.php/P02568-1FTA-1617/International%20Events%20Management</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.glasgowclyde.ac.uk/courses/course-finder/hnd-events-management">http://www.glasgowclyde.ac.uk/courses/course-finder/hnd-events-management</a></p>
<p><b>Facility Management</b></p> <p>Think you want to manage the riding facilities, from the yard to all the staff teams – this may be a useful link for you</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yard manager</li> <li>• Business manager</li> </ul>	<p>Equine degree courses, BHS exam and training system.</p> <p><a href="http://www.bhs.org.uk/education/equine-careers/grooming-and-yard-management">http://www.bhs.org.uk/education/equine-careers/grooming-and-yard-management</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.uhi.ac.uk/en/courses/ba-hons-equine-business-management">https://www.uhi.ac.uk/en/courses/ba-hons-equine-business-management</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.sruc.ac.uk/courses/34/equine_studies_hnc">https://www.sruc.ac.uk/courses/34/equine_studies_hnc</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/courses/equine/degree/equine-science-and-management-1/">http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/courses/equine/degree/equine-science-and-management-1/</a></p>

		<a href="http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/courses/equine/degree/equine-science-and-management-fdsc/">http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/courses/equine/degree/equine-science-and-management-fdsc/</a>
<p><b>Stud work</b></p> <p>The Equine industry has a requirement for specialist stud grooms capable of working with all aspects of breeding and Artificial Insemination.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stud practitioner</li> <li>• Stallion person</li> <li>• AI practitioner</li> </ul>	<p>Stud Qualifications</p> <p><a href="http://www.nationalstud.co.uk/training/training-and-courses.aspx">http://www.nationalstud.co.uk/training/training-and-courses.aspx</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.bhs.org.uk/education/equine-careers/stud-work-careers">http://www.bhs.org.uk/education/equine-careers/stud-work-careers</a></p> <p>twemlows.co.uk/training-courses/ai-technicians</p> <p><a href="http://www.scotlandaiservice.com">http://www.scotlandaiservice.com</a></p>
<p><b>Phsysiotherapist</b></p> <p>Interested in physiotherapy, how you can help people and horses with injuries and disabilities – these may be good options for you</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General physiotherapist</li> <li>• Equine physiotherapist</li> <li>• Hippo therapist – using horses to deliver physiotherapy</li> </ul>	<p>Physiotherapy Qualifications</p> <p><a href="http://www.qmu.ac.uk/ph">http://www.qmu.ac.uk/ph</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.rgu.ac.uk/health-professions/health-professions-study-options/undergraduate/physiotherapy">https://www.rgu.ac.uk/health-professions/health-professions-study-options/undergraduate/physiotherapy</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.gcu.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/physiotherapy-8892.php">http://www.gcu.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/physiotherapy-8892.php</a></p> <p>The following link is for those also looking to gain information on physiotehrapy in animals:</p> <p><a href="http://www.acpat.org">http://www.acpat.org</a></p> <p>Hippotherapy:  <a href="http://www.hippotherapy.co.uk">http://www.hippotherapy.co.uk</a></p> <p><a href="http://acptr.csp.org.uk/acptr-hippotherapy-course">http://acptr.csp.org.uk/acptr-hippotherapy-course</a></p> <p><a href="http://acptr.csp.org.uk/">http://acptr.csp.org.uk/</a></p>

<p><b>Sports massage</b></p> <p>The rider is an athlete as well as the horse does supporting riders through good sports massage interest you – follow these links</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General sports massage</li> </ul>	<p>Sports massage/therapy information and courses</p> <p><a href="http://www.scottishmassage.co.uk/aboutUs.html">http://www.scottishmassage.co.uk/aboutUs.html</a></p> <p><a href="https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/advice/planning/jobprofiles/Pages/massage-therapist.aspx">https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/advice/planning/jobprofiles/Pages/massage-therapist.aspx</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.westernschool.co.uk">http://www.westernschool.co.uk</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.amts.co.uk">http://www.amts.co.uk</a></p>
<p><b>Sports Psychology</b></p> <p>Is your interest is in empower people to achieve, supporting them to develop good mental skills – follow this link</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Freelance sports psychology</li> </ul>	<p>Sports Psychology Courses</p> <p><a href="https://www.stir.ac.uk/postgraduate/programme-information/prospectus/sport/psychology-of-sport/">https://www.stir.ac.uk/postgraduate/programme-information/prospectus/sport/psychology-of-sport/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/departments/sport-exercise-health-sciences/sport-exercise-psychology/">http://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/departments/sport-exercise-health-sciences/sport-exercise-psychology/</a></p>
<p><b>Rider Fitness /health</b></p> <p>Riders all look after their horses health well – are you interested in how we get riders to think about themselves and their health? – follow these links</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal trainer qualifications</li> <li>• Fitness instructor qualifications</li> <li>• Sports industry qualifications</li> <li>• Nutritionalist</li> </ul>	<p>Personal Trainer Qualifications</p> <p><a href="https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/advice/planning/jobprofiles/Pages/personaltrainer.aspx">https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/advice/planning/jobprofiles/Pages/personaltrainer.aspx</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.ftscotland.org">http://www.ftscotland.org</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.stir.ac.uk/sports-centre/qualifications/personaltrainer">https://www.stir.ac.uk/sports-centre/qualifications/personaltrainer</a></p> <p>Sports Nutrition</p> <p><a href="http://www.careers-in-sport.co.uk/profile/nutritionist">http://www.careers-in-sport.co.uk/profile/nutritionist</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.stir.ac.uk/postgraduate/programme-information/prospectus/sport/sport-nutrition/">https://www.stir.ac.uk/postgraduate/programme-information/prospectus/sport/sport-nutrition/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.gla.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/physiology/sportsscienzenutrition">http://www.gla.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/physiology/sportsscienzenutrition</a></p>

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