

# D\* Proficiency Certificate

## Marking Sheet



The D\* Certificate can be assessed by an assessor/coach within the Club.

Candidates must be able to demonstrate all the D Certificate requirements, plus the following, in order to qualify for the D\* Certificate.

<b>RIDER</b>		<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	
<b>CLUB/CENTRE</b>		<b>VENUE</b>	
<b>EXAMINER</b>		<b>DATE</b>	

OVERALL RESULT		
	COMPETENT (Y/N)	COMMENT
<b>PRESENTATION</b>		
<b>RIDER'S TOOL KIT</b>		
<b>ON THE GROUND</b>		
<b>UNDER SADDLE</b>		
<b>HORSE MANAGEMENT</b>		
<b>RESULT OVERALL</b>		

PRESENTATION		
	(YES/NO)	COMMENT
Rider in clean, tidy, formal Pony Club or Centre uniform; boots must be clean; <i>as per Pony Club WA Gear Checking Manual</i>		
Horse to be tidy; no mud or sweat, saddlery clean and well fitting.		
Punctuality, courtesy, overall impression		

RIDER'S TOOL KIT		
REQUIREMENTS (per page 7 of Syllabus)	(YES/NO)	COMMENT
Candidate to understand and recognises the flight response; <i>Horses will run away from things that frighten them or they feel they are in danger</i>		
Candidate to understand and explain pressure-release, reward training, punishment and habituation; <i>pressure-release is when you take away pressure for the right response, reward immediately for behaviour you want him to do again, punishment should be avoided before using discuss with coach, Habituation is 'getting used to'</i>		
OVERALL IMPRESSION		

ON THE GROUND (GROUND WORK)		
REQUIREMENTS (per page 7 of Syllabus)	(YES/NO)	COMMENT
Candidate to know the following foundation responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- stop, go forward</li> <li>- turn the shoulders left and right</li> </ul>		
Candidate to <b>demonstrate and complete</b> a basic ground work dressage test (Page 2 D* Manual)		
OVERALL IMPRESSION		

UNDER SADDLE (RIDDEN COMPONENT)		
REQUIREMENTS (per page 7 of Syllabus)	(YES/NO)	COMMENT
Candidate to understand the correct fitting of a noseband; <i>2 fingers between noseband and horses' nose</i>		
Candidate to demonstrate saddling and bridling a horse; <i>with assistance if necessary</i>		
Candidate to be developing a correct riding position		
Candidate to stop with accuracy; <i>use markers to test accuracy</i>		
Candidate to demonstrate clear downward and upward transitions		
Candidate to be able to explain the concept of self-carriage; <i>Self-carriage is how the pony carries himself. Test this when under saddle is for the rider to give away the reins (push their arms forward) on the long side. There should be no change in the horse's tempo (speed).</i>		
Candidate to demonstrate correct turns and riding on straight lines (between two points)		
Candidate to show an understanding of rising diagonals		
Candidate to demonstrate canter in an enclosed arena		
Candidate to demonstrate and complete a basic ridden dressage test (Page 33 D* Manual)		

Candidate to understand and discuss some mounted games		
Candidate to know how to ride on the road, traffic rules including hand signals		
Candidate to demonstrate crest release		
Candidate to walk and trot over poles		
Candidate to negotiate small jumps with maximum height and width 45cm		
OVERALL IMPRESSION		

HORSE MANAGEMENT		
REQUIREMENTS (per page 8 of Syllabus)	(YES/NO)	COMMENT
Candidate to understand the Five Freedoms of horse welfare; 1. hunger & thirst, 2. Discomfort, 3. pain, injury & disease, 4. express natural behaviours, 5. fear & distress		
Candidate to identify parts of the horse; throat, elbow, pastern, dock, coronet, hips, hock, stifle, ribs & cheek		
Candidate to <b>demonstrate</b> the correct way to brush a tail		
Candidate to identify four parts of the hoof; wall, sole, frog, heels		
Candidate to discuss correct hoof management practices; daily care (pick out, oil etc), regular farrier		
Candidate to have knowledge of feeding and living conditions and the daily horse checklist; water, fences, gates, pasture rug, horse		
Candidate to have knowledge of signs of a healthy horse; Bright, interested, shiny coat, well covered, nostrils & eyes clear no discharge, breathing regular, 8-12 manures, light coloured urine, healthy appetite		
Candidate to describe four common illnesses or minor injuries; girth gall, cold, colic, laminitis		
Candidate to discuss correct management of saddlery; stitching, cleaning, wet gear		
Candidate to identify following items of tack; bridle, bit, reins, cheek strap, brow band, nose band, throat lash, saddle, girth, stirrups, pommel, leathers, seat, crupper, surcingle, cantle, waist, gullet, stirrup bar, sweat flap		
OVERALL IMPRESSION Candidate's safety, knowledge and proficiency)		

ASSESSMENT DETAILS	
EXAMINER (PRINT NAME)	
EXAMINER (SIGNATURE)	

**NEXT:**

- This sheet is to be handed to the Club Secretary or Centre manager and will be given to the candidate in due course.
- The results are to be filled in on the separate Assessment Report and emailed to your state via [reception@ponyclubwa.asn.au](mailto:reception@ponyclubwa.asn.au) (Put 'Certificate Assessments' in the Subject)