

# 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 following with some assistance if required, in order to qualify for the D Certificate.

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| <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   |          |         |
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|  | (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 6 of Syllabus)   | (YES/NO) | COMMENT |
| Candidate to understand flight response; <i>Horses will run away from things that frighten them</i>   |          |         |
| Candidate to have an understanding of pressure-release training, reward training and punishment (though may not be able to explain at this stage); <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</i> |          |         |

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| Candidate to know two ways to reward the horse;<br><i>scratching &amp; food</i> |  |  |
| <b>OVERALL IMPRESSION</b>   |  |  |

| <b>ON THE GROUND (GROUND WORK)</b>  |                 |                |
|---|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>REQUIREMENTS (per page 6 of Syllabus)</b>  | <b>(YES/NO)</b> | <b>COMMENT</b> |
| Candidate to understand the safety requirements for ground work; <i>protection, prevent injury horse &amp; rider</i>                  |                 |                |
| Candidate to <b>demonstrate</b> how to correctly catch and let a horse go safely  |                 |                |
| Candidate to <b>demonstrate</b> how to tie up their horse safely; <i>baling twine attached to something solid, quick release knot</i> |                 |                |
| Candidate to <b>demonstrate</b> stop, slow, step back, go, and turn in hand.  |                 |                |
| Candidate to <b>demonstrate and complete</b> a basic ground work dressage test (Page 23 or 18 D Manual)                               |                 |                |
| <b>OVERALL IMPRESSION</b>   |                 |                |

| <b>UNDER SADDLE (RIDDEN COMPONENT)</b>  |                 |                |
|---|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>REQUIREMENTS (per page 6 of Syllabus)</b>  | <b>(YES/NO)</b> | <b>COMMENT</b> |
| Candidate to mount and dismount safely; <i>mounting block may be used</i>                             |                 |                |
| Candidate to hold the reins correctly   |                 |                |
| Candidate to demonstrate a riding position that is developing correctly                               |                 |                |
| Candidate to walk, rising trot and canter safely and in control                                       |                 |                |
| Candidate to stop/slow, go forward and turn the horse   |                 |                |
| Candidate to <b>demonstrate and complete</b> a basic ridden dressage test (Page 39 or 31/32 D Manual) |                 |                |
| Candidate to understand the rules of riding in groups; <i>safe distance and aware other horses</i>    |                 |                |
| <b>OVERALL IMPRESSION</b>   |                 |                |

| HORSE MANAGEMENT   |          |         |
|--|----------|---------|
| REQUIREMENTS (per page 6 of Syllabus)  | (YES/NO) | COMMENT |
| Candidate to identify these parts of the horse; <i>nostril, forehead, eye, ear, muzzle, forelock, crest, neck, mane, shoulder, wither, back, loins, rump, tail, hock, knee, fetlock, flank and hoof,</i>             |          |         |
| Candidate to identify and <b>demonstrate</b> the correct safe use of basic grooming tools; <i>dandy brush, body brush, rubber curry comb, hoof pick</i>  |          |         |
| Candidate to <b>demonstrate</b> correct and safe procedures for picking out of horse's hooves  |          |         |
| Candidate to understand the five basic requirements of the horse; <i>roughage, water, shade, shelter, friends</i>  |          |         |
| Candidate to <b>demonstrate</b> how to tie up a hay net safely   |          |         |
| Candidate to know the signs of a healthy horse; <i>Bright, interested, shiny coat, well covered, nostrils &amp; eyes clear no discharge, breathing regular, 8-12 manures, light coloured urine, healthy appetite</i> |          |         |
| Candidate to know how to clean saddlery; <i>wash bit, wipe dirty/wet gear, check stitching/buckles, clean saddle soap, buff dry cloth</i>  |          |         |
| Candidate to identify these parts of saddlery; <i>bridle, bit, reins, cheek strap, brow band, noseband, Throat lash, saddle, girth, stirrups, pommel, seat, leathers, seat, crupper, surcingle</i>                   |          |         |
| OVERALL IMPRESSION<br>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 entered by the Club on Omni Sport My Pony by following the "PCWA Procedures for processing Proficiency Certificates." If you have any queries contact [reception@ponyclubwa.asn.au](mailto:reception@ponyclubwa.asn.au)

