

New Zealand Carriage Driving Society Inc.

Achievement Certificate

Level 2

Note: You must be a current financial NZCDS member to sit this certificate.

Object: To show a level of competence, knowledge and safety to confidently drive at NZCDS Affiliated events.

- 1. Harness.**
 - a. Be able to assemble a basic harness including breeching and fit it on a pony.
 - b. Explain care and cleaning of different types of harness, (leather/synthetic)
 - c. Explain differences between collar, breastplate and empathy breastplate.
- 2. Vehicle.**
 - a. Fitting to horse, recommended distance between and vehicle/swingletree, balance.
 - b. Maintenance ---- stress points, bearings etc. to regularly check.
- 3. Horse/Pony.**
 - a. Signs of a healthy horse. ----- Basic requirements.
 - b. Signs of an unhealthy horse.
 - c. Basic Injuries and Ailments and what to do.
 - d. Recognise signs of lameness.
 - e. Care of horse/pony following exercise/competition.
- 4. Driving. ----- Harness horse/pony. ----- Correct order. ----- Safety.**
 - a. Getting in/out of vehicles
 - b. Use of aids – whip, voice and hands.
 - c. To move off, stop, back, turn, bend on a circle and turns, change of pace.
 - d. Drive a basic dressage test or set movements
 - e. Drive safely over rolling terrain.
 - f. Explaining turning safely on hillsides etc.
- 5. Some level of knowledge of NZCDS Events.**