

**New Zealand Carriage Driving Society Inc.**

**Achievement Certificate**

**Level 1**

**Object, to show competence in handling and driving a harness horse safely.**

- 1. Demonstrate how to lead and tie up a horse.**
  - a. When leading, is the horse under control?
  - b. A quick release knot, Is the length of the rope right?
- 2. Put cover on and remove, correct sequence?**
- 3. Name basic parts of horse and basic requirements with regard to:**
  - a. Signs of healthy/unhealthy horse.
  - b. Common injuries and ailments and what to do.
  - c. Recognise signs of lameness.
  - d. Care of horse/pony following exercise/competition.
- 4. Understand the fitting and care of harness and maintenance of the vehicle.**
  - a. Check winker fit if applicable, setting of bit, breastplate, breeching height.
  - b. Check vehicle for points of wear with regard to keeping vehicle safe.
- 5. Harness and unharness a horse safely.**
  - a. Is the horse under control?
  - b. Not putting vehicle on/off before the bridle.
  - c. Are the reins easily accessible?
  - d. Emphasis on correct order with regard to safety.
- 6. Get in and out of the vehicle safely.**
  - a. Must be first in and last out of the vehicle.
  - b. Have reins in hand and horse under control.
  - c. Knowledge of aids used to move forward, change pace and halt.
- 7. Drive on the road with full knowledge of rules/ signals.**
  - a. Have control over horse at all times.
  - b. Know how to react to emergencies.
- 8. Drive horse safely over rolling terrain.**
  - a. Balance horse in breeching before going down a hill.
- 9. Back the horse ---- Use of aids ---- Voice.**
- 10. Know how to drive with courtesy and safely amongst other carriage ponies/ horses.**
- 11. General impression.**

**The candidate should portray that he/she is a competent person to drive a horse/pony in a safe and sensible manner amongst other carriage ponies.**

**The candidate must perform all tasks to a safe standard.**