

Job of The Week

Horse Riding Instructor

Key Skills

- Ability to teach pupils how to do something
- Excellent verbal communication skills
- Leadership skills
- Ability to create the best conditions for learning or teaching new things
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- Ability to monitor your own performance and that of your colleagues
- The ability to work on your own
- Customer service skills
- To be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

Salary

£24,000 – 34,000

Working hours

36 - 40per week
Evenings/weekends/bank
holidays
Away from home

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Apprenticeship

You may be able to apply for an Equine Groom Level 2 Intermediate Apprenticeship, or Senior Equine Groom Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship. Once you complete your apprenticeship, you could apply for jobs as a riding instructor's assistant and take further coaching qualifications on the job.

Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

- some GCSEs, usually including English and maths, or equivalent, for an intermediate apprenticeship
- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths, for an advanced apprenticeship

Volunteering local stables or riding centres can be a good way to get work experience. This could be useful when you apply for paid jobs.

College

You could do a college course, which would teach you some of the skills and knowledge you need to get a trainee position with a riding centre.

Courses include:

- horse care
- horse management
- equine studies

Entry requirements

Entry requirements for these courses vary on the course provider

You can complete training and pass exams with The British Horse Society (BHS) or The Association of British Riding Schools, Livery Yards and Equestrian Centres (ABRS+). You'll need to be a member of The BHS. You can train for the Stage 3 and Stage 4 Coach award to qualify as a riding instructor. The ABRS+ training route leads to an Equestrian Coaching Certificate. You do not need to be a member of the ABRS+ to take their exams. You can also complete other specialist instructor awards through organisations like the Pony Club.

Career Path and Progression

With experience, you could supervise junior staff and train other riding instructors.

You could take advanced qualifications like a Level 4 Certificate in Horse Care and Management, or a degree in Equine Business Management, to run your own riding school, pony trekking centre or riding holiday company.

Day to Day tasks

- Coach riders of all ages and abilities
- Lead groups of riders on treks
- Make sure riders and horses are safe at all times
- Assess riders who are working towards qualifications
- Develop training programmes suited to individual riders
- Give feedback and keep records of rider development
- Help riders develop good habits and learn how to correct problems
- Help riders prepare for competitions, like show jumping or eventing

Working conditions

You could work at a riding stable.

Your working environment may be outdoors in all weathers. You may need to wear safety clothing and use safety equipment.

Labour Market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'.

Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.

Animal care services occupations n.e.c

Weekly Pay	Annual Pay
£450	£23,400
Hours/Week	Hourly Pay
36h	£13

Workforce Change (projected)

Growth
9.6%

The workforce is projected to grow by 9.6% over the period to 2035, creating 11,000 jobs.

You might find this job in
Veterinary
Sport & recreation
Agriculture, etc
Education
Social work

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Veterinary nurses

Weekly Pay	Annual Pay
£510	£26,520
Hours/Week	Hourly Pay
43h	£12

Workforce Change (projected)

Growth
10%

The workforce is projected to grow by 10% over the period to 2035, creating 2,200 jobs.

You might find this job in
Veterinary
Services to buildings

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Sports coaches, instructors and officials

Weekly Pay	Annual Pay
£710	£36,920
Hours/Week	Hourly Pay
35h	£20

Workforce Change (projected)

Growth
11.1%

The workforce is projected to grow by 11.1% over the period to 2035, creating 9,200 jobs.

You might find this job in
Sport & recreation
Education
Public admin. & defence
Employment activities
Gambling

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Labour Market Information

Animal care services occupations n.e.c

Job holders in this unit group care for animals held in kennels, stables, zoos and similar establishments, provide specialised training, grooming, clipping and trimming services for animals, and searches for and captures stray or nuisance dogs in public areas and perform a variety of animal care tasks not elsewhere classified in MINOR GROUP 612: Animal Care and Control Services.

Common tasks in this job:

- feeds, washes, grooms, trims and exercises animals
- cleans animals' quarters and renews bedding as necessary
- houses, feeds, exercises, trains, grooms horses, dogs and other animals in preparation for entry to shows, races and other events
- checks animals for illness, treats minor ailments or calls for vet if further treatment is required

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Veterinary nurses

Veterinary nurses assist veterinarians in the treatment and care of sick or injured animals.

Common tasks in this job:

- assists the veterinary surgeon during surgical and medical treatments of animals
- prepares operating theatre, sterilises equipment and assists in theatre as required
- dispenses and administers medication and applies dressings to animals under direction from the veterinarian
- handles animals during treatment

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Sports coaches, instructors and officials

Sports coaches, instructors and officials work with amateur and professional sportsmen and women to enhance performance, encourage greater participation in sport, supervise recreational activities such as canoeing and mountaineering, and organise and officiate at sporting events according to established rules.

Common tasks in this job:

- coaches teams or individuals by demonstrating techniques and directing training and exercise sessions
- controls team selection and discipline and recruits ancillary staff such as coaches or physiotherapists
- monitors and analyses technique and performance, and determines how future improvements can be made
- deals with administrative aspects such as arranging matches, contests or appearances for athlete or team, and organising required transport and accommodation

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Use these links to learn more about our job of the week, consider the various pathways leading to the career, what you can be doing now to help yourself and other roles in the industry

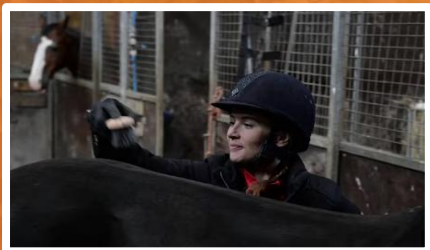
Riding Instructor
Take a look at these short videos for inspiration...



[Horse Riding Instructor - Careers in the Horse Industry \(Music Only\) | International Horse College](#)



[Career Pathways Training Guide Stage 1 Ride](#)



[Quick guide to a career in the equine industry](#)



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Useful Websites

[Certificate in Equestrian Coaching | Association of British Riding Schools](#)

[BHS qualifications and Stages | The British Horse Society](#)

[Become a Coach | The Pony Club UK](#)

[RDA National Training Centre - Riding for the Disabled Association \(RDA\)](#)