



Criteria for New Zealand and Overseas Trainees Entering into an Apprenticeship in New Zealand

New Zealand Trainees

- A Probationer Licence is issued for a period of three to 12 months.
- During this time a probationer will attend Apprentice Academy to observe, to work on practical skills with the Riding Master and to gain an understanding of race day procedures. This will assist the Probationer make a successful transition to being an Apprentice Jockey.
- Probationers and Apprentice Jockeys are required to undertake a medical examination completed by a Doctor registered in New Zealand. This must be completed on the prescribed form and signed off by the NZTR medical advisor.
- Where a trainee is unable to attend an academy session, they are required to notify the tutor at least two hours prior to the scheduled start of the session.
- Where a trainee fails to attend academy on two consecutive occasions without a valid reason they will be referred to the NZTR regional welfare officer. Apprentice jockeys may be stood down from riding on race day and trials, until such time as they have completed the theory requirements defined by NZTR.
- On the approval of a Class B Apprentice Jockey licence, and entering into a four year apprenticeship, the trainee can be signed to the full qualification.
- Trainees are required to complete assessments within the timeframe given by the tutor.
- Trainees need to be available to the training advisor to review their training plan for ongoing on-job training.
- Apprentice Jockeys will need to be able to ride at 53kgs or less, or discuss the matter with NZTR.

Overseas Trainees Only

- Applicant initially licensed as a Trackwork Rider.
Work Visa – Trackwork Rider/Apprentice Jockey.

- Probationer
\$2,000 + GST payable with application for Class C Probationer Licence.
This payment does not guarantee a licence will be issued.
All licensing and medical requirements are to be met.
If the licence is not approved the fee will be refunded.
No refund will be payable if the probation period is commenced but not completed.
- Apprentice Jockey
\$3,000 + GST payable with application for Class B Apprentice Licence.
This payment does not guarantee a licence will be issued.
If the licence is not approved the fee will be refunded.
All licensing and medical requirements are to be met.

1 year after the start date of apprenticeship the balance of the overseas fee must be paid-
\$5,000 + GST.
- On the approval of a Class B Apprentice Jockey licence, and entering into a four year apprenticeship, the trainee can be signed to the full qualification.

Where the apprentice is entering an apprenticeship of less than four years, they will be entered into the Level 4 Jockey LCP. The trainee may apply for a Recognition of Current Competency to complete the full qualification.
- Overseas trainees are expected to attend academy sessions and complete the required assignments under the same criteria as New Zealand trainees.
- Trainees must have an acceptable level of speaking and understanding of the English language. English language competency is assessed by IELTS testing. An IELTS score of 5.5 is desired. If this is not achieved, NZTR may agree a language development plan to be put in place, as a condition of the apprenticeship.
- Trainees are required to have a valid visa to work in New Zealand, with a minimum expiry of two years.
- An International Apprentice Jockey who continues his or her career in New Zealand for two consecutive seasons as a Senior Jockey will be eligible for a \$5,000 (plus GST) reimbursement of the fee paid.