



Accredited Africa Training Institute for Capacity Development

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COURSE BROCHURE

Basic Horse Tack, Blankets and Boots Usage

Culture and Arts / Sport

Unit Standard 244034 · NQF Level 1 · 5 Credits · 2 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips learners with the fundamental skills to correctly and safely select, fit, and maintain basic horse tack, blankets, and boots. It ensures the welfare of the horse and safety of the handler by covering essential knowledge of equipment types, uses, and care.

Category	Culture and Arts
Subfield	Sport
Unit Standard	244034
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 1 · 5 Credits
Duration	2 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Identify and describe the main types of basic horse tack, blankets, and boots used in equine handling and riding.
- Demonstrate the correct fitting and adjustment of a bridle, saddle, blanket, and protective boots on a horse.
- Apply appropriate cleaning and maintenance procedures to ensure the longevity and safety of tack and equipment.
- Evaluate the condition of tack, blankets, and boots to identify signs of wear or damage that may compromise safety.
- Implement safe handling practices when fitting and removing tack to prevent injury to horse and handler.
- Select suitable tack and protective gear based on the horse's conformation, activity, and environmental conditions.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for new or aspiring equestrian handlers, grooms, and stable staff who require foundational knowledge of horse tack and equipment usage in a professional or recreational context.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Introduction to Tack, Blankets and Boots

- Overview of horse tack: saddles, bridles, bits, girths, stirrups.
- Types of saddles: English, Western, general purpose.
- Bridles and bits: snaffle, curb, and bitless options.
- Blankets and rugs: stable sheets, turnout rugs, coolers.
- Boots and bandages: brushing boots, tendon boots, fetlock boots.
- Fitting principles: how to check for correct fit.
- Safety checks before use: inspecting for wear and damage.
- Basic cleaning and storage of leather and synthetic equipment.

Day 2: Practical Application and Integration

- Step-by-step fitting of a saddle: checking tree width, gullet clearance, panel contact.
- Bridle fitting: bit placement, noseband adjustment, browband position.
- Selecting and fitting blankets: measuring horse, choosing weight and fill.
- Applying boots and bandages: correct positioning and tension.
- Adjusting equipment for different disciplines (e.g., dressage, jumping, trail).
- Recognising signs of poor fit: rub marks, behaviour changes, discomfort.
- Cleaning and conditioning leather tack.
- Washing and storing blankets and synthetic equipment.

ASSESSMENT & CERTIFICATION

Delegates are assessed through exercises and a final test. A mark of **50% or above** earns an **AATICD Certificate of Completion**, issued digitally with a unique verification code. This course carries **5 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 1**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 15,400.00	R 15,400.00
1	In-House	R 20,000.00	R 20,000.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 23,100.00	R 23,100.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
10 Aug 2026	11 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
10 Aug 2026	11 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
10 Aug 2026	11 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
12 Aug 2026	13 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
12 Aug 2026	13 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
12 Aug 2026	13 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
18 Aug 2026	19 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Shenzhen, China
18 Aug 2026	19 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE

Contact us if no suitable date is listed – on-demand sessions can be arranged for groups.

HOW TO GET A QUOTE OR APPLY

1. **Get an instant quotation online:** visit www.aaticd.co.za, open the page for this course (Unit Standard 244034) and click **Get A Quote / Apply**. Select your training method and number of delegates – your quotation is generated immediately and emailed to you with the course brochure attached.
2. **Apply by email:** send the course title, your preferred training method (Online, In-House or On-Campus Pretoria), the number of delegates and your preferred dates to apply@aaticd.co.za – our team will reply with a formal quotation.
3. **Apply by phone or WhatsApp:** call +27 12 004 8389 or WhatsApp +27 65 077 6310 and we will prepare your quotation and reserve your seats.
4. **Confirm your booking:** accept the quotation and settle the invoice. As soon as payment is confirmed your delegates are enrolled and receive their AATICD LMS login details by email, along with joining instructions for their chosen training method.

Group discounts apply automatically – the more delegates you enrol, the lower the price per delegate. No payment is required to request a quotation.

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