

Rules and Regulations for Equine Citizenship Level II.

- Judges' decisions are final. There is no appeal for re-scoring.
- The Certification of Equine Citizenship can be attempted in total, or in sections, but not in parts.
- The passing grade is 75% for each section. Failure to attain 75% will result in a failing grade for that section.
- Participant will receive 4 points per part. Each penalty (described, but not limited to, below) is at least one half point.
- Participant must enter horse that he/she predominantly works with or rides, or the participant owns.
- Participant may enter multiple horses, as long as the criteria stated above are met.
- Participant's horse must be haltered with string halter, and a 12 to 14 foot lead line, for first 3 sections of Citizenship Certification. Neither web halters nor "Dually" halters are allowed.
- Participant's horse must be bridled with simple snaffle bit and simple headstall for under saddle certification. No bosals, tie-downs, shank bits, or combination thereof will be allowed.
- Any saddle may be used except bare back pads. Western, English and Australian saddles are all acceptable.
- Participant's horse must be in good health, sound physical shape and not under the influence of any calming drug, potion, or supplement.
- Participant may not reprimand horse in any fashion including hitting, kicking or shouting at.
- Participant may not receive coaching during the certification.
- Participant may not use test as a coaching opportunity. After 3 attempts participant needs to attempt next part or section.
- If participant's horse becomes lame, or ill during the certification, participant must immediately stop, and attempt again at a later date.
- If horse gets loose from participant at any time, the participant will receive a zero score for that part.

Level II

Section A – Ground Manners

Requirements:

14 foot lead line, with string halter.

No handi-sticks, crops or other devices allowed.

General Expectations:

Horse moves easily on cue in desired direction

Horse moves without resistance, such as reluctance to move feet, pins ears, bites, or move into handler's space.

Handler does not touch horse.

Handler cues as described.

- Lunge Stage 2:
 - Expectations:
 - Handler to point to left, horse moves shoulder away, and goes into circle willingly. After completing 2 circles, handler to step in front of horse's direction, rope to change hands, horse to stop, and immediately change directions. Horse will then complete 2 circles around handler, handler will then cue for halt, and horse faces up.
 - Handler will not twirl rope to encourage horse to move.
 - Penalties (at least ½ point each):
 - Horse does not move out willingly.
 - Touch horse with either hand.
 - Horse moves toward handler not to side.
 - Horse does large circle in change of direction, instead of stopping and rolling over hocks.
 - Horse does not stop on cue.
 - Horse does not face up on halt.

- Backup through Barrels:
 - Expectations:
 - Handler to either wave rope at horse, or gently pump arms on either side of horse's face without touching the horse, and for the horse to backup easily between barrels.
 - Handler not to touch horse.
 - Handler not to twirl rope to encourage back up.
 - Penalties (at least ½ point each):
 - Horse does not move easily backwards.
 - Horse does not complete at easily move between barrels.
 - Horse moves in any direction other than backwards.

- Squeeze next to fence:
 - Expectations:
 - Handler to cue horse to pass between handler and fence line. Gap between handler and horse shall be no more than 3 feet.
 - Cue for horse to move will be only to point and horse immediately moves off between handler and fence.
 - No twirling of rope to encourage horse to move.
 - Penalties:

- Horse moves backwards
 - Horse pushes into handler
 - Horse balks at moving through the gap.
- Sidepass away from Fence:
 - Expectations:
 - Handler will stand approximately at center of horse to one side, pump the air and horse sidepasses away from handler.
 - Cue to sidepass can be:
 - Air pump hands towards horse
 - Gently wave lead rope at horse.
 - Horse will take at least 3 sidepassing steps away from handler.
 - No twirling of rope to encourage horse to move off.
 - Penalties:
 - Horse moves towards handler on cue to move away.
 - Horse moves around the handler.
 - Horse does not stop on cue.

Section B – Desensitized

Requirements – String halter and 14 foot lead rope.

General Expectations:

Horse stands quietly whilst undergoing desensitization level tests

Horse's does not become overly alarmed, neither raising its head, nor moving off in any direction, nor widening its eyes, nor pinning its ears, nor striking out.

- Plastic Bag:
 - Expectations:
 - Handler will stand at shoulder, take handstick with white grocery bag attached, and pass bag down top line of horse from withers to tail, and then back up to ears. Then pass bag over both sides of horse down along to flanks and then down the back legs.
 - The horse will stand still and accept plastic bag without undue worry.
 - Penalties:
 - Horse moves off in any direction.
 - Handler cannot perform test adequately
 - Horse reacts by twitching excessively, or jumping in place or in any direction.
 - Horse tries to block handler from approaching shoulder on either side.
- Stock Whip:
 - Expectations:
 - First, handler will lead horse into 5 foot diameter circle described on the ground.
 - Secondly, handler will stand outside of circle still holding lead line.
 - Tester will stand towards shoulder of horse and crack stock whip 2 times.
 - Horse should not jump in place or attempt to leave the circle.
 - Penalties:
 - Horse moves off in any direction.
 - Horse reacts by lifting head, and stepping away from tester.
 - Handler will receive a score of zero if horse steps even one foot outside circle.
- Thumper:
 - Expectations:
 - Handler will approach horse from shoulder and stand near withers of horse.
 - Handler will proceed to whack saddle at least 3 times with thumper.
 - Penalties:
 - Horse moves away or into handler.
- Bag Full of Cans:
 - Expectations:
 - Handler will lead horse between 2 barrels, stop and face horse when horse's chest is level with barrels. Handler will pick up bag full of

soda cans, pass the bag over the horse's head, rattling the cans and place on opposite barrel.

- Penalties:
 - Horse attempts to leave.
 - Horse pushes into handler.
 - Horse does not allow handler to pass bag over its head – zero score.
- Trash Pile:
 - Expectations:
 - Handler will lead horse through trash pile constructed inside square of 4 rail road ties from one side and out the opposite side.
 - Horse will calmly walk through the pile.
 - Penalties:
 - Horse hesitates to enter the obstacle.
 - Horse jumps over pile.
 - Horse jumps out of pile.

Section C – Handling

General Expectations:

Horse calmly allows participant to handle horse whilst performing everyday horse care duties.

Horse does not shy or pull away from handler.

- Worming (with sugar water):
 - Expectations:
 - Handler easily places large syringe in horses mouth and discharges sugar water.
 - Handler can introduce syringe to horse by rubbing horse on nose with syringe.
 - Penalties:
 - Horse pulls face away.
 - Horse does not willingly open mouth.
- Hands:
 - Expectations:
 - Handler will slide hand from horse hip down flank and under the inside of horse's thigh.
 - Handler will hold cheeks of horse and then slide hands up to cover both eyes of horse at the same time, hold for 3 seconds and release.
 - Penalties:
 - Horse moves away from handler.
 - Horse tries to kick handler.
 - Horse steps on handler.
- Open mouth and bit horse:
 - Expectations:
 - Handler will open horse's mouth with one hand and bridle up horse.
 - Horse will easily allow handler to open its mouth.
 - Horse easily bridles.
 - Penalties:
 - Horse pulls head away.
 - Horse refuses to open its mouth.
 - Horse moves off in any direction.
- Waiving Hands in Front of Face:
 - Expectations:
 - Handler stand in front of horse, drop lead rope, and in a criss-cross fashion waves hands close, and in front of horse's face.
 - Horse will calmly follow stand still and allow handler to carry this out.
 - Penalties:
 - Horse raises its head and backs away.
 - Horse steps off in any direction.

Section D – Under Saddle

General Expectations:

Horse is relaxed and easily responsive to rider's cues.

Reins are generally loose during test.

Rider is relaxed.

Equipment:

Snaffle bit, without shanks, tom thumbs, or spades.

Saddle – Australian, English or Western, but not saddle pads. Treeless saddles are allowed.

- Lope on Loose Rein:
 - Expectations:
 - Rider will cue (squeeze with legs or cluck only) horse to move off at lope, along perimeter on a loose rein.
 - Rider does not need to rein in horse at any time, other than unexpected spooking or shying caused by outside entity.
 - Penalties:
 - Horse does not move off easily to rider's cue.
 - Horse jigs or trots
 - Horse does not stay in a lope
 - Horse needs constant reining in to control speed, horse should stay at prescribed speed until rider asks for something else.
- Backup between barrels:
 - Expectations:
 - Rider will cue horse to back up between two barrels.
 - Cues will only be leaning back, and pick up on reins.
 - Penalties:
 - Horse does not back up easily
 - Horse raises its head in the air
 - Horse hesitates to back through barrels.
- Disengage Hindquarters:
 - Expectation:
 - Rider will pick up either left or right rein, turn horse's nose to that side easily, place foot towards horse's flanks, and move hindquarter's over with horse's inside foot stepping over outside foot.
 - Penalties:
 - Horse does not easily flex laterally.
 - Horse does not easily disengage hindquarters.
- One-Rein Stop from Lope:
 - Expectation:
 - Whilst horse is loping, rider will "sit down", put reining hand down, flex horse's head to one side, disengage horse's hindquarters, and bring horse to complete standstill.

- Penalties:
 - Horse continues forward or around without coming to a standstill.
 - Horse throws its head in the air.
- Sidepass along Fence:
 - Expectations:
 - Rider will move horse up to and face fence.
 - Rider will cue horse to side pass to the right along the fence.
 - Penalties:
 - Horse moves off in any direction other than to the right.
 - Horse throws head in the air.
 - Rider has to excessively cue horse to sidepass.