

D* Proficiency Certificate Marking Sheet

The D* Certificate can be assessed by an assessor/coach within the Club.

Candidates must be able to demonstrate all the D Certificate requirements, plus the following, in order to qualify for the D* Certificate.

RIDER		DATE OF BIRTH	
CLUB/CENTRE		VENUE	
EXAMINER		DATE	

OVERALL RESULT		
	COMPETENT (Y/N)	COMMENT
<i>RIDER'S TOOL KIT</i>		
<i>ON THE GROUND</i>		
<i>IN THE SADDLE</i>		
<i>HORSE MANAGEMENT</i>		
<i>RESULT OVERALL</i>		

PRESENTATION		
	(YES/NO)	COMMENT
Rider in clean, tidy, formal Pony Club or Centre uniform; boots must be clean		
Horse to be tidy; no mud or sweat, saddlery clean and well fitting.		
Punctuality, courtesy, overall impression		

RIDER'S TOOL KIT		
REQUIREMENTS (per page 7 of Syllabus)	(YES/NO)	COMMENT
Rider understands and recognises the flight response		
Rider can understand and explain pressure-release, reward training and punishment and habituation		
OVERALL IMPRESSION		

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ON THE GROUND (GROUND WORK)		
REQUIREMENTS (per page 7 of Syllabus)	(YES/NO)	COMMENT
Rider knows the following foundation responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - stop, slow, go forward - turn the shoulders left and right - move the hindquarters left and right Rider is able to demonstrate the first four.		
Complete a basic ground work dressage test		
OVERALL IMPRESSION		

IN THE SADDLE (RIDDEN COMPONENT)		
REQUIREMENTS (per page 7 of Syllabus)	(YES/NO)	COMMENT
Understand the correct fitting of a noseband		
Saddle and bridle a horse (can be with assistance)		
Be developing a correct riding position		
Stop with accuracy		
Demonstrate clear downward and upward transitions		
Demonstrate correct turns and riding in straight lines (between two points)		
Show developing/established correct diagonals		
Demonstrate canter in an enclosed arena		
Ride a simple dressage test		
Know and discuss some mounted games		
Be able to explain the concept of self-carriage		
Know how to ride on the road (hand signals, road rules)		
Demonstrate crest release		
Walk and trot over poles in balanced seat		
Negotiate small jumps (height and width 45cm)		
OVERALL IMPRESSION		

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HORSE MANAGEMENT		
REQUIREMENTS (per page 8 of Syllabus)	(YES/NO)	COMMENT
Understand the Five Freedoms of horse welfare		
Know the 30 parts of the horse (Manual)		
Demonstrate the correct way to brush a tail		
Know four parts of the hoof (Manual)		
Discuss correct hoof management practices		
Know feeding and living conditions and the daily horse checklist (six things)		
Know the signs of a healthy horse (eight things)		
Describe four common illnesses and minor injuries (Manual)		
Discuss correct management of saddlery (stitching, wet gear)		
Identify 9 parts of the saddle and 6 parts of the bridle (Manual)		
OVERALL IMPRESSION Candidate's safety, knowledge and proficiency)		

ASSESSMENT DETAILS	
EXAMINER (PRINT NAME)	
EXAMINER (SIGNATURE)	

NEXT:

- This sheet is to be handed to the Club Secretary or Centre manager and will be given to the candidate in due course.
- The results are to be filled in on the separate Assessment Report and emailed to your state and Pony Club Australia via info@ponyclubaustralia.com.au (Put 'Certificate Assessments' in the Subject)
- Pony Club Australia certificates are available in packs of 5 from the [MyPonyClub](#) member store