



# C Proficiency Certificate Marking Sheet

The C Certificate must be assessed by a qualified assessor from your State panel, who is not connected to the candidate's Club or Riding Centre. (See syllabus for exceptions to this)

Candidates must be able to demonstrate all of the following in order to qualify for the C Certificate.

<b>RIDER</b>		<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	
<b>CLUB/CENTRE</b>		<b>VENUE</b>	
<b>EXAMINER</b>		<b>DATE</b>	

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>WRITTEN ASSESSMENT</i>	/160	Completed online or hard copy; must score 75%, ie. 120/160
<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. Plaiting not required. Hooves clean and showing evidence of care		
Gear clean and correctly fitted		
Punctuality, courtesy, overall impression		

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RIDER'S TOOL KIT		
REQUIREMENTS (per page 9 of Syllabus)	(YES/NO)	COMMENT
Rider to show an understanding of the horse's evolution and how it influences the modern horse.		
Rider can discuss the three parts of pressure-release, (light aid, stronger, release)		
Rider can discuss reward training, punishment and habituation in more detail than for D Certificate		
Rider to discuss classical conditioning		
OVERALL IMPRESSION		

ON THE GROUND (GROUND WORK)		
REQUIREMENTS (per page 9 of Syllabus)	(YES/NO)	COMMENT
Rider can demonstrate accurate stop, step back and slow from light signals		
Rider can demonstrate accurate go, turn and park from light signals		
Rider to explain how a voice cue is trained		
Complete a basic ground work dressage test with accuracy and control (in manual)		
OVERALL IMPRESSION		

IN THE SADDLE (RIDDEN COMPONENT)		
REQUIREMENTS (per page 9-10 of Syllabus)	(YES/NO)	COMMENT
Rider to demonstrate correct riding position		
Rider can stop with accuracy from light signals		
Rider can show clear, accurate upward and downward transitions		
Rider can change pace within each gait in self-carriage		
Rider to show correct rising diagonals		
Rider to demonstrate canter on straight lines and 20m circles (both reins) and recognise leading leg		

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Rider can show riding without stirrups at walk and trot		
Rider shows riding with reins in one hand at walk and trot; shorten and lengthen reins whilst one-handed		
Alter the stirrups and girth whilst halted and mounted.		
Use and discuss two-point and three-point position		
Demonstrate balanced riding over poles		
Negotiate small show jumps and cross country fences with height and width 65cm		
Recognise several types of show jumping fences		
Know jumping strides and distances		
Walk a show jumping course, showing an understanding of the rules and factors to be taken into account.		
OVERALL IMPRESSION		

<b>HORSE MANAGEMENT</b>		
<b>REQUIREMENTS (per page 10 of Syllabus)</b>	<b>(YES/NO)</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
Know 40 parts of the horse (as per manual)		
Know six markings of horses (as per manual)		
Know six colours of horses (as per manual)		
Know how horses are measured		
Demonstrate the correct use of grooming with: sponge, towel, brushes, curry comb, mane comb and bot knife		
Discuss good hoof management (shoeing, trimming); indicate bars of hoof		
Know the purpose of rasp, knife, cutters, hammer, buffer, pincers		
Discuss how to safely transport horses		
Know the daily paddock checklist (six items)		
Explain the main rules for feeding horses		
Know how to treat a girth gall, sore back, sore mouth		

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Discuss tetanus prevention and parasite control		
List contents of a basic first aid kit for horses		
Discuss when to call a vet		
Know the symptoms of nine ailments (as per manual)		
Discuss appropriate dental care for horses		
Discuss saddle fitting; show a correctly fitting saddle and bridle.		
Discuss how to care for saddlery (incl checking stitching)		
Point out cantle, waist, gullet and sweat flap		
Discuss use of martingales, breast plates, surcingles and cruppers		
Demonstrate correctly fitting a rug and safe rugging practices; explain the thermoneutral zone		
<b>OVERALL IMPRESSION</b> (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 back 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](mailto:info@ponyclubaustralia.com.au) (Put 'Certificate Assessments' in the Subject)
- Pony Club Australia certificates are available from most State Offices or from PCA in the [MyPonyClub](#) member store