

Qualification Guide

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- the creative use of credit with responsive, demand-led qualification development;
- high quality service and support;
- respect for and encouragement of diversity – in learners and learning approaches, partners and settings;
- the development of people, capacity and resources that will ensure effective business partnerships.

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General Information

This qualification guide contains details of everything you need to know about the **OCNLR Level 4 Certificate in Facilitating Equine Assisted Learning**. It makes reference to the curriculum areas covered and identifies the learners for whom the qualification has been developed. The guide also covers important aspects of assessment and moderation that are particular to the qualification. The guide should be used by all involved in the delivery and assessment of the qualification. The Account Manager for your Centre will provide support and advice on how to seek approval to offer the qualification.

If you are not yet an OCN London Approved Centre but wish to use this qualification, then please contact us on enquiries@ocnlondon.org.uk for details of the Centre Approval application process.

Qualification Overview

The **OCNLR Level 4 Certificate in Facilitating Equine Assisted Learning** qualification has been designed for individuals who are already working, or intending to work, as facilitators, teacher or trainers in the specialised field of equine assisted learning.

The qualification has been developed in collaboration with EAQ (Equine Assisted Qualifications) Limited a national provider that delivers training and sets benchmark standards for facilitators of equine assisted learning.

The **OCNLR Level 4 Certificate in Facilitating Equine Assisted Learning** qualification is regulated by Ofqual, the qualifications regulator for England, and are registered on the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF). It is not a licence to practise.

Qualification details

This Qualification is available at this level only.

Level 4 Certificate

- Qualification Number: 603/0601/4
- Qualification credit value: 26
- Operational start date: 1st October 2016
- Review date: 30th August 2026
- Total Qualification Time (TQT): 260
- Guided Learning Hours (GLH): 130
- Assessment requirements: internally assessed, internally and externally moderated

Purpose of the qualification

The purpose of the **OCNLR Level 4 Certificate in Facilitating Equine Assisted Learning** qualification has a clear focus on the needs of the growing equine assisted learning industry and provides the knowledge and practical skills required by facilitators in this sector.

Who the qualification is for

The **OCNLR Level 4 Certificate in Facilitating Equine Assisted Learning** qualification is suitable for individuals who:

- Are currently teaching or training in equine assisted learning or an equine facilitated therapy environment, and wish to have their knowledge and skills formally recognised in the form of a regulated qualification;
- Are not currently teaching or training but want to work as facilitators of equine assisted learning in future;
- Are from professions such as education, mental health, social workers, psychologists, etc., who want to learn to combine their interest in equines with their professional skills in order to help people who have a wide range of emotional, physical and mental needs.

Entry guidance

The minimum age for access to the qualification is 19 years. Learners will need appropriate levels of literacy and numeracy skills.

Additional information

For this qualification learners must undertake an initial assessment of their skills in Horse Awareness, English and Mathematics.

Learners should either have their own horse or regular access to a horse, in order to develop their professional practice throughout the qualification.

All learners will be required to carry out a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

Progression and related qualifications

On achievement of the **OCNLR Level 4 Certificate in Facilitating Equine Assisted Learning**, learners may progress to employment as an Equine Assisted Learning Facilitator.

Structure of the qualification

Rules of combination for achievement

The OCNLR Level 4 Certificate in Facilitating Equine Assisted Learning qualification comprises six mandatory units. Learners must achieve 26 credits in total.

Qualification units

Ofqual Unit Reference Number	OCNLR Unit Code	Unit Title	Level	Credit Value	GLH
Mandatory					
Y/615/2623	GB7/3/LQ/002	Handling and Managing Horses in Equine Assisted Learning	6	3	30
K/615/2626	GB7/3/LQ/003	Planning Equine Assisted Learning	3	4	20
L/615/2621	GB7/3/LQ/004	Communication Skills for Facilitators of Equine Assisted Learning	3	3	10
D/615/2624	GB7/4/LQ/001	Managing Behaviour of Learners in an Equine Assisted Learning Environment	6	4	30
M/615/2627	GB7/3/LQ/005	Safeguarding in Equine Assisted Learning	2	3	10
R/615/2622	GB7/4/LQ/002	Facilitate Equine Assisted Learning for Individuals and Groups	6	4	30

For Unit Content please click the Ofqual Unit Reference Number

Assessment and Moderation

Assessment process

The assessment process for this qualification is as follows:

- The learners are assessed through activities that are internally set by tutor assessors;
- The activities must be designed to enable learners to meet the assessment criteria of the unit;
- Learners' portfolios of assessed evidence must be internally moderated at the Centre;
- The portfolios of assessed evidence will be externally moderated by an OCN London External Moderator.

There is no additional external assessment for this qualification.

Devising assessments

Each unit has a supplementary page with information on the types of assessment activities that can (indicated as 'Optional' or 'O') and/or must (indicated as 'Prescribed' or 'P') be used to assess learners against the unit. Tutor assessors must always refer to this page before devising assessment tasks.

Centre devised assessments should be scrutinised by the Internal Moderator before use to ensure that they are fit for purpose. Centre devised assessments will be scrutinised by the External Moderator to ensure reliability and validity of assessment.

Marking assessment activities

Each activity must be marked against the identified assessment criteria in the unit and judged to be either achieved or not achieved.

Assessors need to ensure that the work in a learner's portfolio is:

- Authentic – it is the result of the learner's own performance or activity;
- Sufficient – enabling the assessor to make a consistent and reliable judgement;
- Adequate – appropriate to the level.

Where a series of activities are set, learners must demonstrate the achievement of the required standard identified in the assessment criteria in all activities. All of the assessment criteria in a unit must be met before the unit is deemed achieved.

The unit achievement is not graded. Units are either achieved or not achieved.

Standardisation

Standardisation is a process that promotes consistency in the understanding and application of standards in relation to assessment. It:

- compares assessment judgements from different tutor/assessors;
- promotes consistent judgements by different tutor/assessors;
- identifies good practice in assessment;
- promotes the sharing of good practice in assessment between centre staff.

Standardisation events should be held periodically within centres to ensure consistent and effective assessment practice. Standardisation events may also be held by OCN London and it is a requirement that each Centre offering units from this qualification must contribute assessment materials and learners' evidence for standardisation, if requested.

OCN London will notify Centres of the required sample for standardisation purposes and assessment materials, learners' evidence and tutor feedback may be collected by External Moderators.

Learners with particular requirements

If learners have particular requirements the Centre should refer to the 'Access to Fair Assessment Policy and Procedure' which can be found on our website at: [Access to Fair Assessment Policy and Procedure](#) and gives clear guidance on the reasonable adjustments and arrangements that can be made to take account of disability or learning difficulty, without compromising the achievement of the assessment criteria.

Requirements for tutor/assessors

To be sufficiently competent

In addition to being qualified to make assessment decisions, each assessor must be capable of carrying out the full requirements within the competency of the units they are assessing. This competence should be maintained annually through clearly demonstrable continuing learning and professional development.

Expert witnesses can be used where they have suitable expertise for specialist areas. The use of expert witnesses should be determined and agreed by the assessor.

To be sufficiently knowledgeable

Each assessor should possess relevant knowledge and understanding of the subject and so be able to make robust and reliable assessment decisions in relation to the subject.



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