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### **UK Rural Skills (UKRS) – Accreditation of UKRS Equine Training Programmes**

UK Rural Skills offer to its members a number of equine courses which are accredited by UK Rural Skills Ltd. Accreditation is something that is independently evaluated and given official recognition to prove it meets a general standard of quality. Courses that are accredited by UK Rural Skills, including courses developed and offered by the Equine Massage Academy and Equi-Ed, Ireland in contract with the Equine Massage Academy, are align to Industry and National Occupational Standards.

National Occupational Standards (NOS) are statements of skills, knowledge and understanding needed in employment and clearly define the outcomes of competent performance. They are a formally recognised set of Professional Standards.

NOS are Standards because they are statements of effective performance which have been agreed by a representative sample of employers and other key stakeholders and approved by the UK NOS Panel.

NOS are developed for employers by employers through the relevant Sector Skills Council or Standards Setting Organisation. NOS are considered at every stage of the UK Rural Skills accreditation process. This ensures that courses we accredit are of a comparable standard across other accrediting and awarding organisations.

We only accredit training programmes not regulatory qualifications, however where our course are levelled they aligned to the regulatory level descriptors for the Regulatory Qualification Framework (RQF) and the European Qualifications Framework (EQF).

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lesley Barr', is written over a faint horizontal line.

Lesley Barr (Director)  
UK Rural Skills Ltd