



ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH RIDING SCHOOLS

HELPER'S CERTIFICATES

NOTES FOR PROPRIETORS

These three new tests have been devised to give a structure to your helpers' training, encourage greater awareness of Health and Safety around the yard and to recognise their progress. The Senior Level test will replace the current Teachers' Assistant Certificate. Improving the standard of your helpers can make your lives easier and your ponies' lives more comfortable.

There are 3 levels of tests:

Entry	recommended minimum age 10
Intermediate	recommended minimum age 12
Senior	recommended minimum age 14

Candidates may start at any level but it is not recommended that anyone goes straight to Senior Level unless there are exceptional circumstances. Some elements of the log book may be covered by APL.*

The tests are:

- Proprietor driven - you decide how to deliver the training, what to charge for the training and how each element is to be assessed.
- Log book based - completed over a period of time, with no time limit. Master copies of the log books can be downloaded from the ABRS website or emailed to you free of charge. If you need a printed copy please send a self-addressed C4 envelope (stamped for large letter post) to Head Office.
- Tested In-House - by a member of staff who is a registered tester. (If you don't yet have any registered testers please contact Sue at Head Office and she will explain; it is very straightforward.)

Completed logbooks should be sent to Head Office with a fee of £10. Candidates will receive certificates and their achievements will be added to the ABRS qualifications database.

*Accreditation of Prior Learning

For example:

The element in the Senior Level Helper's Certificate: *Dismantle and clean a set of tack and put it back together*, is covered by one of the elements of Stable Management Test 3: *Clean a set of tack and be able to explain and demonstrate what to look for when checking tack. This will entail stripping a set of tack and putting it back in its original state.* A candidate who has passed Stable Management Test 3 can immediately have this element of their log book signed off without being re-tested.