

The ITA has become the ITT



The ABRS teaching exams do not currently hold accreditation from any qualification organisation. Therefore, the ABRS has changed the name of the Initial Teaching Award to **Initial Teaching Test**. The basic syllabus has not been altered but the workbook has been updated and improved. The ITT will be taken 'in house' with a minimum of three candidates.

This will give our members students a clear pathway –

**ABRS Test 6 + R & RS (Riding & Road Safety) + Lunge Unit →
ABRS ITT (Initial Teaching Test) → UKCC Level 2**

Other teaching awards will continue to be placed on hold until we receive a definitive answer regarding their accreditation. Your Trustees are working to achieve this.

All **Tests 1-10 and A-E, Riding and Road Safety and the Equestrian Care Awards** will continue to run without alteration.

WHY TRAIN YOUR STAFF FOR ABRS INITIAL TEACHING TEST?

- It is industry based – and what the industry needs
- Minimum academic content – maximum practical
- All tasks covered – work to a log book
- Can be taken in house
- Pathway suitable for mature students
- Suitable for part-time learning
- Recognition of quality work-based learning

The Test can be done in-house and its main objective is to prove the competence of a student to instruct safely under supervision. Getting the basics right means that riders can progress and sometimes; this aspect is not always given sufficient time or respect. The safe practice of everything from the rider's first introduction to the horse to teaching canter is something that needs to be seen - not just written or talked about and in keeping with all ABRS Tests and exams, the criteria are practical.

A simple workbook ensures that all aspects are covered and since it is a tickbox workbook there is no arduous writing up to be done.

Properly trained staff are our greatest assets but they need to be able to prove their training. The Initial Teaching Test will give them a chance to do this and encourage them to go on to the ABRS UKCC L2.