

Travelling Person (Racehorse Transport)

Job Summary:

Responsible for transporting racehorses to and from race meetings, ensuring their welfare during travel, and supporting the yard's representation at racecourses. Represents the racing yard professionally at racecourses and manages communication with officials and stakeholders.

Main Duties:

- Drive horseboxes or lorries to races safely and efficiently
- Prepare horses for racing: grooming, tacking up, and pre-race checks
- Represent the yard professionally at race meetings
- Maintain travel and racing equipment
- Record and report horse behaviour or concerns during travel or at the racecourse

Competencies (Behavioural):

- Dependability and responsibility
- Calm under pressure and adaptable
- Strong attention to detail
- Team-oriented with clear communication skills

Core Skills:

- Handling and travelling horses safely
- Grooming to high standards
- Recognising signs of stress, illness or injury
- Professional communication with race officials, vets, and clients
- Acting as an ambassador for the trainer and yard
- Understanding of race day protocols and procedures
- Familiarity with BHA or IHRB regulations
- Accurate completion of travel logs and horse passports
- Time and route management for logistics

Education:

- No formal qualifications required, though Level 2 or 3 Diploma in Work-Based Horse Care (Racing) is advantageous
- LGV licence (HGV Category C+E) may be essential for driving large horseboxes

Experience:

- Minimum 2–3 years handling racehorses
- Prior attendance at race meetings desirable
- Experience driving horseboxes or lorries preferred



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Availability:

- Common across the UK and Ireland
- Seasonal peaks (spring/autumn flat, winter jumps) may affect demand

Certification:

- Horsebox driver certification (e.g., CPC for professional drivers)
- First Aid for Equine Professionals (recommended)

Working Conditions:

- Early mornings, long hours, and travel across regions or countries
- Outdoor work in varying weather conditions

Pay and Benefits:

- Salary will be in line with or above the NARS/NTF memorandum of agreement, which provides for a Racing Industry Minimum Rates of Pay Structure and standard conditions of employment for racing staff.
- Race day expenses, overtime, and prize money bonuses
- Opportunities for international travel and professional development



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