

# Work Rider

## Job Summary:

A Work Rider is responsible for exercising, schooling, and developing racehorses to improve their fitness, balance, responsiveness, and overall race-readiness. This role focuses on riding duties rather than general yard work and is vital to a horse's performance in training. Work Riders are typically paid per ride and operate under a structured competency system.

## Main Duties:

- Ride a variety of horses according to their fitness, age, and training needs
- Carry out specific instructions from trainers or head riders
- Ride on gallops, in schooling rings and other spaces when needed
- Provide feedback on how horses perform, feel, and behave during work
- Maintain safety standards when handling and riding high-performance horses

## Competencies (Behavioural):

- High level of awareness in the saddle
- Calm, confident, and adaptable rider
- Ability to work independently and take instruction
- Communicates clearly with trainers and head staff

## Core Skills:

- Use of a variety of tack
- Observation of horse behaviour and welfare whilst riding
- Fitness and pace knowledge
- Strong all-round knowledge of the racing industry
- Able to work under direction
- Communicate concise feedback on individual racehorses
- Time Management

## Education:

- No formal qualifications required
- Training often through practical experience in racing

## Experience:

- This role is often fulfilled by an Advanced (A1) level rider with experience
- It is common for work riders to be ex-jockeys or aspire to be.

## Working Conditions:

- Early mornings (AM work)
- Physical work outdoors in all weather conditions

## Pay and Benefits:

- Typically paid per horse (e.g. £15 per lot) depending on experience and yard
- Can be part-time / flexible
- No other duties required unless otherwise agreed.



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