

AGRICULTURE

NOC 8253

HORSE GROOM - AGRICULTURE (A.C.A., non-restricted certified trade)

WORK DESCRIPTION

What would I be doing?

Horse Grooms work with horses and stable equipment. They may perform some or all of the following duties:

- handle and control horses
- groom horses
- tack and untack horses
- feed horses
- perform health and maintenance procedures
- perform stall care
- maintain tools and equipment
- maintains stable facilities
- handle supplies
- communicate with Farrier, Veterinarian and co-workers

Horse Grooms work indoors and outdoors and perform many tasks requiring good physical stamina. Grooms begin work early in the morning, usually by feeding horses, and may stay quite late in the evening to finish daily tasks.

PLACE OF WORK

Who needs Horse Grooms ?

- Race Tracks

- Riding Establishments
- Stables

CONDITIONS OF WORK

A Horse Groom is a non-restricted certified trade. A person need not have a valid Certificate of Qualification to work in the trade but a registration as an apprentice is recommended. A Cooperative Education student, who is not a signed apprentice, does not have to be paid. An apprenticeship **may** be paid wages.

SALARIES/WAGES

The salary depends on the employer, years of experience, and level of training. In unionized places the wages and conditions of work are negotiated collectively.

In the Elgin, Middlesex and Oxford area, there are no statistics on the wages of Horse Grooms.

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PROSPECTS of EMPLOYMENT in the Elgin, Middlesex and Oxford area

RATING: good

APPRENTICESHIP IN THE HORSE GROOM TRADE

- takes about 4 000 h, including 400 h of in-school training; prior education and experience may shorten the time to complete all the competencies. complete all the competencies,
- a Certificate of Apprenticeship is issued upon completion of the apprenticeship,
- there is no Certificate of Qualification in this trade
- Interprovincial Trade Certification (Red Seal) is **not** available.

In-School Education:

An OYAP student must be 16 years old and completed Grade 10 (or equivalent). Otherwise, all apprenticeship applicants must successfully complete Grade 12 (O.S.S.D.) or equivalent. The following competencies are valuable:

English,	<i>Communication and</i>
Mathematics,	<i>planning skills,</i>
Science	<i>ability to work</i>
	<i>unsupervised</i>

OYAP students must be full-time students and those who sign apprenticeships will continue the apprenticeship curriculum in college or with an approved Training Delivery Agent.

Specific skills learned in school are: safety, trade calculations, trade communication, hand and power tools, stable equipment, basic first aid, equine first aid, Occupational Health and Safety Act (WHMIS), guidelines of WSIB,

Government Regulations and Guideline of OMAFRA, environmental legislation protocols.

On the Job Training

- As a high school Cooperative Education credit (towards O.S.S.D.), learning is connected to one of the school subjects.
- The Apprentices must follow a program in the **Apprenticeship Training Standards** book which is given to them in the workplace when they register. As each competency is achieved the employer signs it off.

OPPORTUNITY TO GROW

A Certificate as a journeyman is not required to start work in the Horse Groom trade but a registration as an apprentice is recommended. After becoming a journeyman a Horse Groom may:

- become a supervisor
- start own business
- work in related areas or occupations

RELATED OCCUPATIONS

- Farm Manager
- Horse Trainer
- Farrier

CONTACT INFORMATION

Whom should I call?

School Guidance/Co-Op
Office/Technology teacher
Apprenticeship Office 519 675 7788
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