

Hoofcare Organisation Of New Zealand



Natural Hoof Care Practitioner Certification Programme

1. Application \$100

To apply for our training programme print out the application form. Post completed form along with the application fee and a current photo to the address provided.

Please note that application does not guarantee acceptance into the practitioner training programme with HOOFNZ.

Should you wish to contact someone from HOOFNZ for a preliminary assessment before sending in your form and fee email your request to training@hoofnz.org.nz

2. Telephone Interview

Once your application has been processed you will be contacted via email to arrange a time for one of our representatives to telephone you.

The telephone interview is approximately 1 hour long

3. Acceptance

Your application and Telephone interview will be assessed by our training committee and you will be contacted via email with the result.

4. Course Material

Once your application has been accepted you are required to purchase HOOFNZ's official training material, books and CD's. Order through our on-line shop

Compulsory

Making Natural Hoof Care Work For You by Pete Ramey

Horse Owners Guide To Natural Hoof Care by Jaime Jackson

Founder, Prevention and Cure the Natural Way by Jaime Jackson

The Sound Hoof by Lisa Simone Lancaster

Paddock Paradise by Jaime Jackson

Out Of The Box by Cindy Sullivan

Assessment Forms (these forms are available on-line in the Resources Section of www.hoofnz.org.nz and must be filled out for every horse that the Trainee and Certified Practitioner trims while involved with HOOFNZ.)

Recommended reading

Natural Horse Care by Pat Colby
Natural Farming A Practical Guide by Pat Colby
The Natural Horse by Jaime Jackson
No Foot No Horse by G Williams
Equine Laminitis by Dr. Chris Pollitt
Building the Equine Hoof by David M. Hood DVM, Ph.D.
Connie K. Swenson, Ph.D.
A. Bruce Johnson, Ph.D.

5. Natural Hoof Care Clinic \$300

\$55 Training manual (payable to HOOFNZ)

This is a 2 day Introductory Clinic with HOOFNZ approved New Zealand or International clinicians only. Unless otherwise stated, the clinic fee is to be paid directly to the person conducting the clinic. Fees must be paid no later than 3 weeks before the clinic. The course will cover the basics of how the equine hoof functions, internal structures etc. Recognising detrimental hoof distortion/healthy hoof patterns. Diet related hoof issues, lifestyle options for equines that improve health and soundness. Rehabilitation methods for horses with navicular, laminitis etc. including the use of hoof boots to facilitate a return to soundness. Wild horse hoof wear patterns and living conditions and how they relate to the domestic horse. The impact structural and postural issues can have on the hooves and vice versa. Safe horse handling practises. How to trim horse/donkey/mule hooves in a non-invasive manner.

6. Equine Nutrition - On-line or Clinic \$120

Option of a one day clinic with a HOOFNZ recognised clinician or an on-line course accessed through the Equine Sciences Academy. See Events Section for clinic outline and availability.

If opting for the on-line course, please contact training@hoofnz.org.nz before accessing the ESA material. Please note that on-line course material may differ from the material outlined in the ESA course(s) In most cases you will be required to complete all the reading material and on-line Quia quizzes. The fee for the ESA on-line course is paid direct to the ESA. Please do not take the final exam featured on-line. For HOOFNZ Trainees a Final Exam will be posted out to you when you have completed all the quizzes. Contact your Training Co ordinator for the Final Exam.

Depending on availability, the above course can be substituted for a 1 day clinic with Katy Watts from Safergrass www.safergrass.org or other HOOFNZ recognised clinician. Please check our events section for approved HOOFNZ scheduled clinics.

7. Workplace Health and Safety, and Safe Horse Handling Practises \$55

Booklet form and assessment of knowledge on mentorship days or final assessment day of the Horse Owners Natural Hoof Care Training Course.

8. Business Management and Customer Relations Course

\$80 course fee (payable to the Clinician)

\$55 Training manual (payable to HOOFNZ)

A half day Clinic that includes information on how to successfully manage a Natural Hoof Care business and develop good customer relationships. Course includes written material and the CD The Business of Natural Hoof Care- available on our on-line shop, Business Management and Customer Relationship Manual \$50

\$80 course fee to be paid to Katie Sloane no later than 3 weeks before the ½ day clinic

9. Distal Limb Anatomy

\$150 course fee (payable to the Clinician)

\$55 Training Manual (payable to HOOFNZ)

1 day course with Sandy Hegh BVSc. Covering the anatomical parts of the lower equine limb with focus on the hoof and its internal structures. Guided dissection. Course materials include “The Glass Horse Distal Limb” CD- available on our on line shop, Anatomy Manual-\$55

\$150 course fee to be paid to Sandy Hegh no later than 3 weeks before the Clinic.

10. Mentorship x3 \$100 per day

3 separate days spent with 3 different certified HOOFNZ Field Instructors.

These can be the Trainee’s choice taken from the list of approved Field Instructors.

The Trainee travels with the Instructor, trimming some of the Instructor's clients' horses. This is a practical training day where the trainee follows the trimming guidelines of the Instructor. The Instructor will also be responsible for taking the trainee through the safety aspects of working with horses.

Mentorship fees are to be paid to the Instructor before or on the mentorship day.

11. Feedback Forms (no fee)

Trainees who have gained knowledge and trimming skills and have started to build a client base, will be given 4 Customer Feedback Forms on their first mentorship day

These forms will have stamped addressed envelopes attached and are to be handed out to 4 of the trainees clients.

The forms are to be filled out by the Client and posted back to the Training Coordinator.

The Trainee is not permitted to view the completed forms. The information is confidential and between the Client and the Training Coordinator.

12. Case Studies (no fee)

Trainees will have a minimum of 6 months to complete a minimum of 4 case studies of horses/donkeys they are trimming. Each case study will include progressive photos, an initial written assessment, which will include the name, age, sex of the horse, its known history, any lameness issues - past and present - an overview of its lifestyle, riding, feed and past hoof care programme.

The photos should include front on, side on, and sole views of all 4 hooves.

Side and front views of the forelimbs.

Side and rear views of the hind limbs.

A full body photo of each side of the horse. (taken on level ground with the camera aiming at the middle portion of the horses shoulder).

13. Equine Behaviour - on-line

An on-line course accessed through the Equine Sciences Academy.

Please contact training@hoofnz.org.nz before accessing the ESA material. Please note that on-line course material may differ from the material outlined in the ESA course(s) In most cases you will be required to complete all the reading material and on-line Quia quizzes. The fee for the ESA on-line course is paid direct to the ESA. Please do not take the final exam featured on-line. For HOOFNZ Trainees a Final Exam will be posted out to you when you have completed all the quizzes. Contact your Training Co ordinator for the Final Exam.

14. Fundamentals of Equine Dentistry – on-line or clinic

Option of a one day clinic with a HOOFNZ recognised clinician or an on-line course accessed through the Equine Sciences Academy. See Events Section for clinic outline and availability.

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A half day Equine Dentistry Course with Shirley Calder can be cross credited for the on-line course.

Please contact training@hoofnz.org.nz for course schedules

15. Balanced Riding and Saddle Fit – on-line or clinic

Option of a one day clinic with a HOOFNZ recognised clinician or an on-line course accessed through the Equine Sciences Academy. See Events Section for clinic outline and availability.

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16. Equine Biomechanics – On-line or clinic

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17. Hoof Pathology – On-line or clinic

Option of a two day clinic with a HOOFNZ recognised clinician(s) or an on-line course accessed through the Equine Sciences Academy. See Events Section for clinic outline and availability.

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Two day Pathology Clinic \$300

Pathology manual \$55

18. Final Audit \$350

The final audit involves a full day spent with an approved HOOFNZ Auditor.

The Trainee will be working with their own clients' horses and will be assessed by the auditor for customer relations/information sharing ability, safe and considerate horse handling, trimming and horse/hoof assessment skills.

Time will also be spent assessing the Trainee's depth of knowledge, experiences, confidence and competence as a Natural Hoof Care Practitioner.

19. Certification

If the Trainee completes all of the above criteria and proves him/herself to be a capable, knowledgeable, honest, dependable person with an excellent work ethic and the ability to skilfully trim equine hooves for strength and health without causing trauma or stress and show a clear desire to continue to broaden their knowledge of natural hoof care and healthy horse keeping practices then they will receive a Certificate of Attainment from the Hoofcare Organisation of New Zealand and become a HOOFNZ Certified Natural Hoof Care Practitioner.

Unless otherwise stated fees are to be paid to HOOFNZ

Contact training@hoofnz.org.nz for payment details.