

HOOFNZ NATURAL HOOF CARE PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME



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HOOFNZ Natural Hoof Care Practitioner Certificate Information

Trainees must be financial members of HOOFNZ.

The yearly membership subscription, due in August of each year is \$30.

HOOFNZ members pay a reduced fee at selected clinics and lectures.

Membership also entitles Trainees who have advanced through their training to have their contact details listed on the Trimmer Locator List at www.hoofnz.org.nz

Please be aware that any Trainee or Certified Trimmer can be removed from the Locator List at anytime if they are found to be trimming invasively, causing harm or distress to an equine or their owner, or representing HOOFNZ in a negative manner.

Below is the list of abbreviations available for use on the Trimmer Locator List.

C M *Committee Member*

A T *Apprentice Trainee* - in the early stage of training, learning how to trim

T *Trainee* - showing good trimming skills, small client base

P *Professional* - trimmer with a large client base

I *Instructor* - HOOFNZ recognised Training Instructor

C *Certified* - HOOFNZ Certified Natural Hoof Care Practitioner

Trainees who are financial members may use the term '*Member of HOOFNZ*' on their business cards.

Membership does not entitle Trainees to use the HOOFNZ logo on their business cards or on any other form of printed document.

The HOOFNZ logo and mission statement remain the property of HOOFNZ.

Application \$100 includes 1 yr HOOFNZ membership fee

To apply for our training programme print out the application form.

Click on <http://www.hoofnz.org.nz/trainapp.pdf>

Post the completed form along with the application fee and a current photo to the address provided on the form.

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

Telephone Interview

Once your application has been processed you will be contacted via email or txt to arrange a time for one of our representatives to telephone you. The telephone interview is approximately 1 hour long

Acceptance

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

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 online shop

Compulsory Books, CD's DVD's

Making Natural Hoof Care Work for You by Pete Ramey
Feet First by Sara Braithwaite and Nic Barker
Recognizing the Horse in Pain by Dr. Joanna Robson
The Sound Hoof by Lisa Simone Lancaster
Founder Facts by Jen Clingly and Marg Richarson
Paddock Paradise by Jaime Jackson
Calm, Healthy Horses by Jenny Paterson
The Horse's Muscles in Motion by Sara Wyche
Natural Hoof and Horse Care by Jenny Lomas
Feeding Horses in New Zealand by Dr Erica Gee BVSc, PhD, Dip ACT

Recommended reading

Care and Rehabilitation of the Equine Hoof by Pete Ramey (highly recommended)
Understanding Horse Behavior by Dr Sue McDonnell
The Lamé Horse by Dr James Rooney DVM
Donkey Business111 by Christine Berry & Jo-Anne Kokas
Out of the Box by Cindy Sullivan
Founder, Prevention and Cure the Natural Way by Jaime Jackson
Natural Horse Care by Pat Colby
No Foot No Horse by G Williams
Equine Laminitis by Dr. Chris Pollitt
Building the Equine Hoof by David M. Hood DVM, PhD

Introduction to Natural Hoof Care Clinic \$330

This is a 2 day course 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 are paid with the clinic registration. Subjects covered include;

- 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.

- How balanced trimming can benefit horses with a range of common hoof problems; ringbone, navicular, laminitis etc.
- How the use of hoof boots/pads can improve hoof form and comfort in horses with compromised feet.
- 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 practices.
- How to trim equine hooves in a non-invasive manner.

Please check <http://www.hoofnz.org.nz/html/clinics.html> for Clinic dates

HOOFNZ Training Manual and Test Sheets \$50

The training manual will be available for purchase at the *Introduction to Natural Hoof Care* Clinic. The purpose of the training manual is to provide a general guideline for people who would like to become professional hoof care providers for equines in New Zealand.

The manual is not a stand alone guide but complements HOOFNZ training clinics. It does not replace veterinary medicine or the advice of equine professionals. HOOFNZ does not condone invasive hoof trimming that may cause pain or harm to equines. All HOOFNZ Trainees are advised to contact the appropriate equine professional if they suspect that an animal they encounter may be suffering mentally or physically.

Manual contents include

- An Outline of Certification Requirements
- Natural Hoof Care Basic Trim
- Workplace Health and Safety
- Safe Horse Handling
- Business Management and Customer Relations
- Distal Limb Anatomy
- Training Plan

Observation Day \$30

This is a day for the Trainee to travel with a professional HOOFNZ Trimmer and Instructor to see how they conduct their business and enables the Trainee to pick up valuable information on trimming and horse handling.

To contact an Instructor please email training@hoofnz.org.nz

Case Studies – no fee

Trainees will have a minimum of 6 months to complete 4 case studies of horses/donkeys they are trimming. The first Case Study needs to be completed and posted no later than

one month after attendance at the Natural Hoof Care Clinic. Each case study will include before and after trim photos, an initial written assessment, which will include the name, age, sex of the horse, its known history, any lameness issues - past and present – a short overview of its lifestyle, riding, feed and past hoof care programme. You can use the *First Trim Assessment Form* available at <http://www.hoofnz.org.nz/html/resources.html>

Case studies can be of your own horses before and after a trim.

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

Click on <http://www.hoofnz.org.nz/html/hoofphotos.html> for tips on how to take clear hoof photos.

Equine Nutrition – price and lecture content may vary

1 day lecture covering the following subjects;

- Equine digestive physiology.
- Basic nutrients.
- Raw materials used in horse feeds.
- Creating a ‘complete’ horse diet and feeding for work level.
- Grass’s; Kikuyu, paspalum & endophytes.
- Paddock maintenance.
- Analyzing feed and forage.
- Meeting the specific nutritional needs of horses, ponies and miniatures.
- Diets for Equine Metabolic Syndrome, Cushing’s and Laminitis.

Please check <http://www.hoofnz.org.nz/html/clinics.html> for lecture dates

Hoof Boot Course \$80

Half day course that covers the different types of hoof boots currently on the market and looks at fitting details for various brands of hoof boots.

Please check <http://www.hoofnz.org.nz/html/clinics.html> for course dates

Distal Limb Anatomy Clinic \$150

1 day course with Sandy Hegh BVSc, assisted by Carol Wilson, takes participants through a step by step dissection of equine cadavers from cannon bone to hoof that includes removal of the hoof capsule to closely examine the inner structures of the foot.

The purpose of the clinic is to familiarize the Hoof Care Practitioner with the superficial and deep anatomy of the distal limb of the horse.

Explanation of microscopic structures of the hoof, along with pointers on how to read hoof radiographs, instills a deeper understanding of the equine distal limb for those interested in broadening their knowledge base.

Please check <http://www.hoofnz.org.nz/html/clinics.html> for Clinic dates

Introduction to Saddle Fit \$120

This clinic is not formulated to qualify the Trainee as a saddle fitter but rather to bring a better understanding of how restrictive saddles adversely influence motion. This can give you, as a trimmer, more information on hoof wear patterns.

Please check <http://www.hoofnz.org.nz/html/clinics.html> for course dates.

Mentorship x3 \$100 each day

3 separate days spent with 3 different certified HOOFNZ Instructors. These can be the Trainee's choice taken from the list of approved Instructors on the HOOFNZ website Training Clinics page. The Trainee travels with the Instructor, trimming some of the Instructor's clients' horses. Before a Mentorship Day is booked, the Trainee must be able to complete a *Maintenance Trim* within at least 30 minutes and be able to comfortably trim a minimum of five horses in one day. 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. The Mentorship Day fee is paid to the Instructor when the Mentorship day is booked. Go to <http://www.hoofnz.org.nz/html/clinics.html> for a list of HOOFNZ Instructors and their contact email addresses.

Business Management and Customer Relations Course \$80

This half day course with Katie Sloane complements the Business Management and Customer Relations section of the HOOFNZ Training manual.

Please check <http://www.hoofnz.org.nz/html/clinics.html> for course dates.

Equine Dentistry \$80

Half day dentistry lecture with Rebecca Bush

This course covers the basics of equine dentistry to give the Trainee a balanced overview of dental health and some of the problems associated with bad teeth in horses and donkeys. It is not intended as training to become an equine dentist.

Please check <http://www.hoofnz.org.nz/html/clinics.html> for lecture dates.

Equine Biomechanics - price may vary

NZ based Lecture or Online Course with Equine Sciences Academy

www.equinesciencesacademy.com

Please check <http://www.hoofnz.org.nz/html/clinics.html> for lecture dates.

Equine Behaviour \$50

Course material and exam compiled by Carol Wilson.
Please contact training@hoofnz.org.nz for details.

Customer Feedback Forms

The Customer Feedback Sheets will be given to the Trainee once they have built a small regular client base. 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 and documents your progress as a Professional Trimmer.

Hoof Pathology – price to be advised

Lecture in Power Point format covering the cause, effect and trim options of various hoof deformations. Included in this course is a Hoof Pathology CD and Exam.

Final Audit - \$350

The final audit involves a full day spent with an approved HOOFNZ Instructor. The Trainee will be working with their own clients' horses and will be assessed on customer relations, efficiency, formation 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, competence and professionalism as a Natural Hoof Care Practitioner using the following quality scale;

- 1 insufficient
- 2 moderate
- 3 good
- 4 excellent

There is a set fee for the Final Audit but the Trainee may also need to cover the travel costs of the Instructor.

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 skillfully 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.

Please note that some Lectures, Courses and Clinics may be cross credited.
If you have any questions about cross crediting please email training@hoofnz.org.nz

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HOOFNZ does not accept responsibility for any harm to horse or human during training or after certification.

HOOFNZ will not be held responsible for the misinterpretation or misapplication of any of the aspects featured in its Certification programme