



TRAINER'S TESTING APPLICATION

TESTING DATES

Applications are due on the dates listed below. All applications must be complete and include **ALL** back up documentation required by 3pm on the due date; **NO** additional documentation will be accepted after 3pm on the due date.

APPLICATION'S DUE

March 18, 2026

May 20, 2026

August 19, 2026

TEST DATE

April 8, 2026

June 10, 2026

September 9, 2026

ASSESSMENTS AND FEE'S

The HBPA Trainer and Assistant Trainer Testing Committee assess applications individually, based solely upon the documentation provided; the Committee may approve or deny applications.

Initial Test is \$200.00 and Retest is \$50.00 *****Fee's must be paid in full before any test can be taken*****

TESTS

PRACTICAL - The Practical test is a hands-on test done in the barn. It must be completed prior to the written tests. Applicants will be asked questions and are required to put on and fit any tack or bandages used in training or racing. This test is graded as Pass or Fail. Applicants must pass the practical in order to write the Horsemanship and Rules Tests.

HORSEMANSHIP - The Horsemanship Test consists of 50 multiple choice questions. These questions are based on anatomy, physiology, equine systems, illness, lameness, nutrition, and general knowledge of the racetrack.

RULES - The Rules Test consists of 50 multiple choice questions. These questions are based on the Alcohol and Gaming Commission's (AGCO) Rules of Thoroughbred Racing, the Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency's (CPMA) Schedule of Drugs

*****Applicants are responsible for ensuring they have all the most current books to study from*****

MARKS

Applicants must achieve a mark of 90% or greater on each individual test. If the applicant gets a mark of 80% to 88%, they can apply to the HBPA Trainer committee to write once more that season ([if there is another scheduled test](#)); if they get a mark less than 80%, they must wait 12 months to apply to re-write.

If the applicant fails the second test with a mark less than 90% they must wait 12 months (and the next scheduled test date) from that 2nd test date to apply to write again.

*****IF THE APPLICANT HAS ANY CONCERNS ABOUT ONE OF THE TEST QUESTIONS, THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR CONCERNS IN WRITING, INCLUDING THE TEST QUESTION NUMBER AND REASONS FOR THEIR CONCERNS. ALSO, INCLUDED WILL BE THEIR NAME, TEST DATE AND CONTACT INFORMATION.*****



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

A Trainer who has not held a trainer's license and/or not run a horse in the last three years, must apply to the HBPA for relicensing. They may be required to write the HBPA of Ontario Trainer's tests.

A Trainer who has held a trainer's license for less than two full years in another jurisdiction, must apply to the HBPA for relicensing. They may be required to write the HBPA of Ontario Trainer's tests.

*****Please note that the above criteria applies to applicants from North America only. All applicants from countries outside of North America must apply to the HBPA.*****

TRAINER'S APPLICATION CRITERIA

1. Must be at least 23 years old and have at least five (5) years of practical grooming experience in horse care at a racetrack with an outfit that has at least eight horses. *
2. Must complete Trainer's application.
3. Provide all documents listed on the Document Checklist
4. Confirmation in writing that you or your immediate family own horses and/or, you have a job offer from a licensed owner to train his/her horses (include statistics).
5. Pay all testing fees in full prior to writing the Trainer's test(s).
6. Pass the HBPA of Ontario Trainer's test(s) with minimum grade of 90% on each test.

MARK CRITERIA

Applicants must achieve a mark of 90% or greater on each individual test.

If the applicant gets a mark of 80% to 88%, they can apply to the HBPA Trainer committee to write once more that season ([if there is another scheduled test](#)); if they get a mark less than 80%, they must wait 12 months to apply to re-write.

If the applicant fails the second test with a mark less than 90% they must wait 12 months (and the next scheduled test date) from that 2nd test date to apply to write again.

The HBPA Trainers Testing Committee can, at their discretion, limit the applicant to an Owner/Trainer license. Which means that they can only train horses that they or their immediate family (includes Spouse, Parent and/or Child) own for a period of one to three years*

***Subject to the discretion of the HBPA Trainer's Testing Committee**

Oral testing may be considered where there are mitigating circumstances.

Applicants may be evaluated by the HBPA Board of Directors for final approval.



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FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ AGCO LICENSE #: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ PROVINCE: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ MOBILE PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN SUSPENDED, REFUSED, DENIED OR HAD A LICENSE REVOKED FROM ANY RACING JURISDICTION? YES OR NO

IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE THE DETAILS BELOW AND LIST ANY HORSE RACING FINES, RULINGS OR PENALTIES AGAINST YOU IN THE LAST FIVE (5) YEARS:

ARE YOU REQUESTING A WRITTEN OR ORAL TEST (CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE): WRITTEN OR ORAL

I HEREBY GIVE THE HBPA OF ONTARIO CONSENT TO MAKE ALL INQUIRIES IT DEEMS NECESSARY TO PROCESS THIS APPLICATION INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE ALCOHOL AND GAMING COMMISSION (AGCO). I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION IS CORRECT.

I UNDERSTAND THAT I MAY BE CALLED INTO THE HBPA FOR AN INTERVIEW PRIOR TO A DECISION BEING MADE ON MY APPLICATION

APPLICANT NAME AND SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____



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TRAINER'S TEST—ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, _____ hereby acknowledge the following:
(Applicant's Name - please print)

- All information on the application and additional documentation is correct.
- I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to have a solid understanding of payroll, general business practices and WSIB.
- That the HBPA has the right to interview anyone who submits an Evaluation Report on my behalf
- That the HBPA, at their discretion, may call me in for an interview prior to a decision being made on my application
- That I must receive a mark of 90% or greater on each individual test to pass
- If I receive a mark of between 80% to 88%, I can apply to the HBPA Trainer committee to write once more that season (if there is another scheduled test); if I get a mark less than 80%, then I must wait 12 months to apply to re-write.
- If I fail the second test with a mark less than 90% then I must wait 12 months (and the next scheduled test date) from that 2nd test date to apply to write again.
- All Tests will be given only on the predetermined scheduled tests dates.
- I acknowledge that I am not guaranteed stalls at either Woodbine or Fort Erie Racetracks.
- All tests are the property of the HBPA of Ontario. After the test, only the applicant can view the marked tests in the HBPA offices. The test cannot be copied in full or in part and cannot be removed from the HBPA office.
- If I have concerns about the test questions, I will submit the reasons for my concerns in writing including the test question number. Also included will be my name, test date and contact phone number.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____



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WORK EXPERIENCE- FOR AT LEAST THE LAST FIVE YEARS

TRAINER: _____

LICENSED AS: _____

START DATE: _____

END DATE: _____

REASON FOR LEAVING: _____

TRAINER: _____

LICENSED AS: _____

START DATE: _____

END DATE: _____

REASON FOR LEAVING: _____

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BLACKSMITH/FARRIER LETTER

I, _____ am writing to confirm that I have been retained by _____ to provide Blacksmithing/Farrier services to his/her horses if they pass their trainer's test.

I agree to act as the attending blacksmith and will provide the required blacksmithing services, including but not limited to professional horse trimming, shoeing and corrective horse care.

APPLICANT NAME AND SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____



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VETERINARY LETTER

I, _____ DVM am writing to confirm that I have been retained by _____ to provide veterinary services to his/her horses if they pass their trainer's test.

I agree to act as the attending veterinarian and will provide required veterinary care, including but not limited to examinations, vaccinations etc.

APPLICANT NAME AND SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____



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CHECKLIST

- Five (5) years practical (grooming) experience in horse care at a racetrack with an outfit that has at least eight horses
- Completed Trainer's Application
- Signed Acknowledgement Form
- Completed Work Experience Chart
- At least three Completed Evaluation Charts— present employer, past employer(s)
- AGCO Licensing History (Must be obtained by applicant through AGCO Licensing office)
- Copy of current AGCO License (Copy of any Assistant Trainer License held)
- Completed Checklist
- Confirmation in writing from applicant or immediate family that they own horses, or written job offer letter from a licensed owner with horses (including the horses names and statistics)
- Form signed by a AGCO licensed Veterinarian confirming you as a potential client
- Form signed by a AGCO licensed Blacksmith/Farrier confirming you as a potential client