

Rider:

Age:

Requirements for D Certificate

Minimum Age - 7 years

You must have reasonable control of your pony but can ask for help if you need to. You need to show some confidence and a desire to improve. You must be keen to learn about riding and caring for your pony.

For the D Certificate, you will only be asked questions in person; you do not have to write anything down. Your pony must be tidy and free of loose mud and sweat. You must be in full Pony Club uniform with clean boots. Tack must be clean and fit correctly.

RIDING

Element	Bit of a struggle	Can give it a go	No worries!
Mounting and dismounting. (Can use a mounting block).			
Being legged up and landing lightly.			
How to hold and use the reins correctly – shorten and lengthen and put reins into one hand.			
Can start, stop and steer the pony at the walk, rising trot and canter without assistance and under control.			
Know the Road Safety Rules. Do's and Don'ts of riding on the road. Know the correct side of the road to ride on, know hand signals and have an awareness of dangers.			
Can take part in simple mounted games.			
Can do simple mounted rider exercises (e.g. stand in the stirrups at the halt).			

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HORSECARE

Element	Haven't a clue	Can give it a go	No worries!
Approach, catch and lead a quiet pony in the correct manner.			
Tie-up a pony with a rope of correct length, preferably to string, using a quick release knot.			
Lead out and release a pony in a paddock. Closing the gate and keeping the lead rope over the neck until the head-collar is removed.			
Give a pony a titbit safely. Know the correct way to slice apples/carrots			
Identify and demonstrate use of the following grooming tools: dandy brush, body brush, rubber curry comb and hoof pick.			
Brush, saddle and bridle a pony with some assistance.			
Know the living conditions for a pony and name the three important things a pony needs.			
Know what a pony eats and drinks.			
Describe how to tie up a haynet/bag.			
Identify the following points: nostril, forehead, eye, ear, muzzle, forelock, crest, neck, mane, shoulder, wither, back, loins, rump, tail, hock, knee, fetlock, frog & hoof.			
Identify the following items: bridle, bit, reins, cheekstrap, browband, noseband, throatlash, saddle, girth, stirrups, pommel, leathers, seat, crupper and surcingle.			
Know how to wipe dust and mud off saddlery, including the girth and wash the bit, and put away tidily.			