



South Island Education & Training Coordinator & HERO Manager (12-Month Maternity Cover)

- **Exciting opportunity in the harness racing industry**
- **Christchurch-based role**
- **Fixed-term position (12 months – maternity cover)**

Harness Racing New Zealand exists to work with industry stakeholders to promote and regulate a thriving and positive harness racing industry in NZ.

Harness Racing New Zealand (HRNZ) is looking for a highly motivated and organised individual to take on the role of Education & Training Coordinator & HERO Manager for a 12-month maternity cover.

This dual role involves supporting and educating young industry participants while also leading the HERO programme, which promotes life after racing for Standardbreds. We are looking for someone with a strong equine background, experience in education, and a passion for horse welfare.

We require an enthusiastic person with great communication skills to support and educate our trainees and facilitate all aspects of the HERO rehoming programme.

What will you be doing in this role?

- Educating and assessing harness racing trainees through the Cadet Scheme
- Co-ordinating the Equine Gateway programme
- Delivering on and off-job training within the NZQA framework
- Supporting and mentoring young people entering the industry
- Keeping records and managing reporting for education programmes
- Building and maintaining relationships with trainers, cadets, schools, and industry stakeholders
- Managing and overseeing the HERO rehoming programme for Standardbreds
- Liaising with HERO educators, trainers, and owners to facilitate positive rehoming outcomes
- Managing HERO social media updates, marketing, and promotional activities
- Monitoring horse welfare and industry best practices
- Some travel to Invercargill and occasional evening work will be required

What will you need to succeed in this role?

- Strong inter-personal skills
- Excellent communication and organisational skills
- Knowledge of education and training frameworks
- A strong knowledge of all equine related core subjects
- Knowledge and experience in the Standardbred (Harness) or equestrian industry
- A passion for equine welfare and life after racing
- Ability to work independently and manage multiple responsibilities
- Computer literacy, including social media proficiency
- Ability to travel and deliver the National Programme in the Southland Region
- Good organisational and record-keeping skills
- Clean driving licence
- Perform to agreed deadlines
- Prepared to upskill in education and assessment if needed

What's on offer for you?

- Fixed-term contract (12 months) covering maternity leave
- Full-time role based in Christchurch
- Opportunity to make a real impact on education and equine welfare
- A flexible and supportive working environment

For more information on the role, please contact Natalie Gameson on 021-936-155

To apply, please send your covering letter and CV to: natalie@hrnz.co.nz

Applications close on **Monday 31 March 2025**