

Diploma of the Worshipful Company of Farriers (DipWCF) or Registered Shoeing Smith (RSS) or End Point Assessment (EPA) from 2022

Extent of the theory of farriery – Knowledge	Extent of the practise of farriery - Skills	Extent of enabling and supporting functions - Behaviours	External Validation and External Quality Assurance	Knowledge, Understanding and Competence in corrective and remedial farriery	Extent of experience associated with the qualification/examination
<p>The Diploma of the Worshipful Company of Farriers (DipWCF) or Registered Shoeing Smith (RSS) or End Point Assessment (EPA) qualification provides a working knowledge of the structure and function of equine limbs.</p> <p>The farrier will be capable of recognising and understanding the common ailments associated with equine limbs, such as laminitis.</p> <p>The farrier will be able to offer advice to an equine owner as to how such ailments may be corrected.</p>	<p>The Diploma of the Worshipful Company of Farriers (DipWCF) or Registered Shoeing Smith (RSS) or End Point Assessment (EPA) qualification provides extensive skills in assessment, trimming and balancing the hoof, and applying a shoe or an alternative.</p> <p>The farrier will be capable of making or altering a shoe to meet requirements across a range of equestrian disciplines e.g. (but not limited to) dressage and racing.</p>	<p>The Diploma of the Worshipful Company of Farriers (DipWCF) or Registered Shoeing Smith (RSS) or End Point Assessment (EPA) qualification provides a suite of skills relevant to operating as a farriery professional, either as an individual or as a member of a practice.</p> <p>The farrier will be capable of engaging with and assessing a client's equine hoofcare requirements, and will be conversant with the legal and ethical framework that support farriery.</p> <p>The farrier will be capable of judging if the equine and the environment are suitable for trimming and/or shoeing to proceed safely, and without causing unnecessary distress to the equine.</p>	<p>Training Providers and Courses of Training leading to The Diploma of the Worshipful Company of Farriers (DipWCF) or Registered Shoeing Smith (RSS) or End Point Assessment (EPA), are subject to approval by the Farriers Registration Council (FRC), the national regulator for farriery.</p> <p>The Diploma of the Worshipful Company of Farriers (DipWCF) or Registered Shoeing Smith (RSS) or End Point Assessment (EPA) are regulated by OFQUAL.</p> <p>The training providers are subject to inspection by OFSTED.</p>	<p>The qualification provides teaching and assessment of some remedial shoeing theory, but practical competence of corrective or remedial shoeing is not assessed or examined.</p>	<p>Farriers qualified to The Diploma of the Worshipful Company of Farriers (DipWCF) or Registered Shoeing Smith (RSS) or End Point Assessment (EPA) will have completed an apprenticeship of approximately 4 years duration.</p> <p>For farriers qualified since 2016 and all Approved Training Farriers (ATFs), Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is mandatory. Otherwise, all farriers are encouraged to undertake Continuing Professional Development (CPD).</p> <p>The Diploma of the Worshipful Company of Farriers (DipWCF) or Registered Shoeing Smith (RSS) or End Point Assessment (EPA) is a Level 3 qualification on the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications.</p>