

# Riding School Licence Policy



## Introduction

If you want to run a business in the UK hiring out equines that makes more than £1000 per annum, you will need to have a Riding Establishment License to comply with The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) Regulations 2018.

In England, Scotland and Wales licences are granted by your local authority. Your premises will be inspected by a local authority officer and your equines will be assessed by a local authority appointed Vet. In Northern Ireland, you will need to contact your Divisional Veterinary Office.

## Policy Principles

- RDA expects that all groups take the correct steps to find out whether they need to apply for a licence
- RDA expects that all groups who fall under these restrictions endeavour to obtain their license and renew as and when necessary
- RDA Groups who obtain a Riding School License do not need to have a separate Annual Health Check for their equines in keeping with RDA Policy
- Advice on this matter and any further information is readily available. Please email [groupsupport@rda.org.uk](mailto:groupsupport@rda.org.uk) or see the section on our website [Support & Guidance](#) ([www.myrda.org.uk](http://www.myrda.org.uk))