



## **APSPH Alert – November Changes to Regulations**

The APSPH has been involved in further changes made to the new regulations. Last minute negotiations between the British Horse Council and DEFRA were made known to the APSPH during the Royal College of Surgeons Annual General Meeting.

The APSPH consulted directly with DEFRA on the changes which have now been published.

The majority of changes will not have any major impact on polo establishments, most of them were clarity and error changes in text. However one change was considerable.

The requirements for qualifications have been amended from a minimum of Level 2 regulated OFQUAL registered qualification, with an optional higher standard of Level 3 and or demonstration of relevant experience, has changed to a minimum of Level 3 regulated OFQUAL registered qualification and or demonstration of experience.

Demonstrating relevant experience could be done with a comprehensive CV showing how and where and with whom you have gained the experience and knowledge of running an equine establishment. in the case of teaching-based business, a copy of your HPA Qualifications and any other relevant certificates from First Aid to safeguarding and any other courses completed that may demonstrate you have the skills and knowledge to carry out the conditions in the regulations to ensure the welfare of your animals and staff, may be sufficient.

The new regulations with all the changes have now been published and is available on our website for download. DEFRA have advised that the documentation will be available on the gov. website but no time-line has been given for updating all the relevant areas.

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To view the new regulations on our website please follow: [www.apsph-polo.org.uk](http://www.apsph-polo.org.uk)