

The Pony Club Tests & BHS Exams

Direct entry guidance (Updated March 2023)



There are a number of Pony Club efficiency tests that are recognised as suitable to allow candidates direct entry into certain BHS qualifications. You will need to meet additional criteria, please see below for more detail.

You must have gained your Pony Club qualification within 5 years to be eligible to take a BHS qualification. Your certificates must have been signed by the Assessors, your Area Representative and District Commissioner.

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Pony Club qualification held	Additional entry criteria required	Will provide direct entry into BHS qualification
A Test	BHS Gold membership Minimum age 18 years	Performance Section 1: Care and Welfare Performance Unit 5: Working the Horse from the Ground Stage 4 Senior Management
A Test	BHS Riding and Road Safety, BHS Ride Safe or BHS Riding Out Safely Challenge Award BHS Gold membership Minimum age 18 years	Performance Unit 6: Ride for Training Stage 2 Coaching
AH Test	BHS Gold membership Minimum age 18 years	Performance Section 1: Care and Welfare Stage 4 Senior Lunge Stage 4 Senior Management
B+ Test	BHS Riding and Road Safety, BHS Ride Safe or BHS Riding Out Safely Challenge Award BHS Gold membership	Stage 4 Ride for Training (Eventing) Stage 4 Ride for Training (Dressage) Stage 4 Ride for Training (Jump)

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	Minimum age 18 years	
Full B Test & Lunge Test	BHS Riding and Road Safety, BHS Ride Safe or BHS Riding Out Safely Challenge Award BHS Gold membership Minimum age 17 years (Stage 2 Coaching) Minimum age 16 years (Stage 3)	Stage 3 Care Stage 3 Lunge Stage 3 Ride (Dressage) Stage 3 Ride (Jump) Stage 2 Coaching
B Test Riding	BHS Riding and Road Safety, BHS Ride Safe or BHS Riding Out Safely Challenge Award BHS Gold membership Minimum age 16 years	Stage 3 Ride (Dressage) Stage 3 (Jump)
B Test Care	BHS Gold membership BHS Stage 2 Lunge Minimum age 16 years (Stage 3 and Stage 2 Riding Out)	Stage 3 Care Stage 3 Lunge
C+ Test Care & Riding	BHS Riding and Road Safety, BHS Ride Safe or BHS Riding Out Safely Silver Challenge Award* BHS Gold Membership Reference for 'Mucking Out' ** Minimum age: 14 years (Stage 2)	Stage 2 Care Stage 2 Lunge Stage 2 Ride Stage 2 Riding Out

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	Minimum age: 16 years (Stage 2 Riding Out)	
C+ Care	BHS Gold Membership Reference for 'Mucking Out' ** Minimum age 14 years (Stage 2)	Stage 2 Care Stage 2 Lunge

Please visit the BHS website for further information

<https://pathways.bhs.org.uk/resource-hub/forms-and-guidance/direct-entry-guidance/>

Please visit the link below to access the BHS direct entry application form

<https://pathways.bhs.org.uk/media/1509/bhs-equine-excellence-pathway-rpel-application-form.pdf>