



Horse Safety Australia

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Why get a qualification?

The national AHIC Code of Practice (*HorseSafe*) and the education department guidelines for schools in all states require qualified instructors to teach or supervise horse riding activities. Horse Safety Australia qualifications, recognised by these groups, and many others, are relevant to anyone teaching horse riding to groups of riders in any discipline or circumstances.

Who is involved in Horse Safety Australia ?

Horse Safety Australia graduates include riding instructors, trail guides, those working in campsites with groups of beginners, and those running horsemanship clinics. Qualifications are obtained through a 4 day live in clinic which is based around skills recognition. The clinics are practical in style and cover risk management, safely managing groups of riders, the Australian Horse Industry Council's code of practice, communication and horse management skills, and much more!

What do clinics cover?

The clinic involves a lot of discussion and networking about various ways of teaching particular skills, and managing groups of people and horses. During the 4 days we go through all aspects of instructing: from catching the horse, tacking up, managing beginner riders, and the issues related to trail rides, through to more advanced riding skills, should participants be in a position to work at a higher theory level. Clinics are also flexible enough to suit those from all disciplines of horsemanship.

What levels of instructor/trail guide can we get at a clinic?

The clinic will be appropriate for those looking for qualifications from Assistant Instructor, to those teaching basic riding skills, through to Senior Instructor (teaching advanced theory in any discipline), and Trail Guides from short rides (same day, few hours only etc) to overnight or multi day rides. The Horse Program Manager and Trail Boss qualifications can be organised through a transfer of paperwork evidence after the

clinic if a participant is interested and has the experience and knowledge to demonstrate their competency in these areas.

What happens at clinics?

The process involves each participant teaching 3 x 10-20 minute session on a subject of their choice from a list provided, or on a subject agreed to between the participants and the clinic instructors, with up to 6 riders in their group (with the other participants being the 'clients'). Trail guides need to be able to manage a group of riders before they set out on their ride, so they are also expected to work in an arena on the basic riding skills of their clients, as well as out on the trail. Participants will also be asked to deliver one theory lesson (to an 'un-mounted' group of 'clients').

For the basic instructor/trail guide qualification, the focus is not on the riding skills of the instructor, though participants must at least have abilities at the level of a confident rider. Participants will be teaching within the range of their experience and the type of horse riding instruction that they normally carry out. If they are desiring a 'senior instructor' qualification they will need to teach at least one 'advanced' riding lesson, that is 'theory rich' and shows an ability to communicate effectively at a higher level. These participants will also need to be able to demonstrate a higher degree of horsemanship.

Cost and what it covers....

The current cost of a clinic is \$990 **per person** (including GST) and this covers costs of the 4 days and 4 nights. This includes food and board, provision of horses, Statements of Attainment from a Registered Training Organisation (units gained are recognised by TAFE) and membership of Horse Safety Australia for three years. In addition there is a cost of \$110 for each **organisation** for the 'site pack' which includes a package of a 70+ page book of Horse Safety Australia procedures for horse sites and activities, risk management strategies and policies for those working with horses, and other useful resources. Also in this pack is a book by Jane Myers (Australian based) called *Horse Safe* (rrp \$49.95)

Insurance options?

As to insurance, when you are qualified with us you can obtain insurance from Affinity Insurance Brokers (APRA Approved) as either a sole operator or a business, at very reasonable rates. (Call Paul Davenport -0418 595 0002 for more on this)

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