



(HARNESS) COMPULSORY MEDICAL EXAMINATION – MEDICAL PRACTITIONER

(DRIVERS, TRAINERS AND STABLEHANDS)

TO BE COMPLETED BY MEDICAL PRACTITIONER

Applicant's name:

1 Doctor's name and business address:

Name:

Address:P/code.....

Phone:

2 Describe the applicant's general appearance?

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3 Is there any hernia?

NO ☐

YES ☐

4 Describe the condition of the following:

Nervous System	Lungs
Ear, nose & throat	Abdomen
Gland areas	Spine, limbs & joints

5 What is the applicant's blood pressure reading?

Systolic	Diastolic
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6 What is the applicant's urine levels?

Glucose	Albumin
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7 What is the condition of the applicant's heart:

Size	Rhythm
Sounds	Pulse rate

8 Describe the applicant's sight

Uncorrected	L6/ R6/	Corrected	L6/ R6/
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9 Describe the applicant's hearing

Left	Right
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10 Describe any areas of the applicant's history that you consider relevant to the application for a licence:

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11 I conclude that, in relation to the driving, training or stablehand duties to be undertaken by the applicant if licensed:

- ☐ The applicant is fit for these duties
☐ The applicant is unfit for these duties

Doctor's Signature: **Date:**



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To the Examining Medical Practitioner

Introduction

The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission requires applicants, for the granting of a licence as a driver, trainer, trainer/driver or stablehand requiring driver endorsement at harness race meetings, trials or track work in Queensland, to provide a medical certificate stating the applicant's:

- (a) general health; and
- (b) fitness to drive harness racehorses in races, trials and/or track work.

The purpose of this document is to provide background information regarding the minimum requirements in respect of such a medical certificate.

It is stressed, however, that the provision of a medical assessment and information is a matter for the professional judgement of the examining practitioner, who must not be limited or constrained by the information provided herein.

It should be noted that if this applicant is granted a licence as a **driver**, they would be permitted to drive horses in trials and/or races which are very competitive, and have the capacity to affect the safety of other people and horses.

Persons granted a licence as a **trainer or stablehand** must have a general fitness level, which would allow them to perform fast trackwork.

A medical practitioner who has any doubts about his or her capacity to evaluate a person's physical fitness to drive in races, trials or trackwork should decline to provide a medical certificate to any person applying for a trainer, driver, trainer/driver or stablehand licence or permit.

Driving may place considerable physical strain on the body, including joints and muscles in the lower back, neck, hip, knee, and ankle joints, and the major leg and arm muscles.

Drivers in races and/or trials are required to wear silks of various colours and patterns. Accordingly, it is important that they are able to identify various colours and patterns, and judge the distance between their drive and their fellow participants drives.

During the course of a race, fellow drivers may call out to others to alert them of their position or presence and the imminence of danger. Good hearing is an essential requirement for drivers.