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FAQs on Online Assessment with Black Horse One

The following document is intended to support new system candidates frequently asked questions about the final online assessments.

What do Black Horse One provide?

'Black Horse One' is a paperless judging system that was founded in 2014. The majority of international competitions operate using this system and the programme was successfully used for the Tokyo Olympic Games and BD National Championships in 2021. The platform allows for state-of-the-art scoring in real time using the eScribe for eDressage™ app, which allows the transmission of each completed scoresheet directly to an Admin Hub, including all scores, comments, and judges' signatures.

What are the benefits of the online assessment?

- The assessment can be completed at your own home.
- No requirement to travel to a venue, so more time efficient.
- No associated travel and accommodation expenses.
- Standardised assessment method, with the same viewpoint as the assessors.
- All candidates at the level will judge the same horses at a specific assessment.
- Clear feedback and performance analysis, with a detailed, colour coded report provided following assessment.

How do I book onto an online assessment?

Candidates will receive an email from head office when they are eligible to come forward for a final assessment, once all required pathway tasks have been completed and these have been officially signed off. Candidates that are working towards pathway completion are still able to book onto an online assessment but will be required to be officially signed off on all pathway tasks (the portfolio) two weeks before their online assessment date. Failure to adhere to this could result in loss of the assessment place and fee. Please note, eligible candidates will have priority booking for online assessments.

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What will the final assessment look like?

The programme has been designed to allow the writer to input the judge's marks and comments directly into a laptop/PC device or iPad, allowing for an assessment to be completed remotely. You will be on a Zoom call, placed into a breakout room with your writer for the assessment, to allow for invigilation. A member of staff from head office and Black Horse One will be on the Zoom call.

You will be assessed on judging ten horse and rider combinations using the championship test at your level. There will be an additional test at the beginning as a practice test which will not be assessed. Your judging viewpoint on the footage will be from the long side of arena.

A digital report sheet will be sent to candidates following their assessment, removing the need for physical sheets to be handled. The digital report sheet offers a detailed colour coded display of your marks and comments in direct comparison with the assessor.

What are my responsibilities when coming forward for this online assessment?

You will need to ensure that you have access to a computer/laptop with a camera and microphone attached, as well as a tablet device or computer/laptop for your writer to input marks and comments. Your devices are required to be in good working order and will need to be connected to a reliable, secure Wi-Fi network. You are also responsible for organising your own writer for this online assessment.

Will it be compulsory for me to have a writer for this assessment?

Yes, it is compulsory that all candidates coming forward for this online assessment have a writer. Candidates are not permitted to write for themselves. We strongly recommend that you complete the practice tests with your writer prior to your online assessment. Please note, your writer can be a judge, but cannot be of a higher list than yourself.

I have poor Wi-Fi connection at home – what should I do?

If you are in this situation, we advise that you get in touch in advance with your writer, family or friends that may be able to help with offering a location with a more secure Wi-Fi connection. We do have limited availability for candidates that have no alternative options to complete the online assessment at our head office in Meriden, Coventry.

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How can I prepare for this new online based assessment?

You will have three practice tests allocated to your Black Horse One dashboard. Once this has been set up you can complete these in your own time with your writer. It is mandatory that all practice tests are submitted at least 48 hours prior to your online assessment; please note that you will not be permitted to undertake the assessment if you do not complete this. You can re-set the practice tests to complete again, should you wish to do so, by contacting officials@britishdressage.co.uk to request this.

The practice tests are there to support candidates and their writer in preparation for the online assessment. We strongly recommend that you attend an online seminar with Black Horse One prior to your online assessment. These can be booked through the Horse Monkey website, please use the button link below.

Please get in touch with our Officials Education Supervisor, Jess La Rosa, for any queries: jessica.larosa@britishdressage.co.uk. For any queries about the Black Horse One platform please email: support@blackhorse-one.com. You can also contact your Development Officer and/or regional Judge Representative, who will be able to support you with any questions. Contact details can be found on our 'Regions' website page.

Further guidance on logging onto and using the eDressage dashboard can be found by using our tutorial video below. Please click below for the tutorial document for Black Horse One.

[TUTORIAL VIDEO](#)

[TUTORIAL DOCUMENT](#)

[HORSE MONKEY](#)

Will any IT support be available whilst I am undertaking the assessment?

Yes, there will be a member of the Black Horse One team available during your assessment should you have any questions, queries, or issues with the online system. As explained previously, it is your responsibility to ensure that you are connected to a reliable Wi-Fi for the assessment.

How will I receive my results for this new assessment?

You will receive your results via email in a report within ten working days of sitting the assessment.

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What happens after the online assessment?

If a candidate wishes to appeal their assessment outcome, they must follow the process outlined in the relevant policy document within 14 days of receiving their results.

For successful assessment candidates that wish to continue their judging journey by upgrading, they are eligible to register and work towards this. However, they will be required to wait 12 months before coming forward for a final assessment. Unsuccessful candidates are recommended to seek further development before coming forward to re-sit an online assessment.





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