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## MEMBER SERVICES

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### 2024 NTF Badges

Thank you to all who have completed the application form for RCA Photo ID Accreditation.

We are working through the applications and will contact anybody who has submitted one incorrectly directly on Monday.

The current green NTF badges will continue to allow access to racecourses until the end of April.

If you are yet to complete the accreditation form and upload your photo please do so via this link by no later than 14 April 2024:

<https://paulntf.wufoo.com/forms/zvnppt319ngk1c/>

The NTF badge allocation request can be made here:

<https://www.racehorsetrainers.org/webforms/badgerequest.asp>

Please ensure that photos uploaded need to be similar in style to passport photo, ideally in formats .jpeg, .png or .tif with resolution that will see a file size of 1mb+.

It is unlikely that photos that are low resolution or which would not be suitable for a passport will be acceptable.

2024 red NTF badges need to be sent out alongside photo IDs. This means that individuals who have not sent a photo in for accreditation by 14 April 2024 may not be able to access racecourses from 1 May.

Should you have any questions, please contact the NTF office.

The following Q&As are provided to help clarify future arrangements:

**Will I have to queue to get in?**

NTF members should not have to queue for any significant time. Photo IDs can be scanned by hand-held devices at entrances and NTF members will not have to queue to gain access beyond waiting for the person operating the hand-held scanner to be free to scan their ID. This would be in line with previous arrangements where the member of staff would check that they had an NTF badge.

**Will I have to wear my Photo ID at all times?**

No, the Photo ID is required by racecourses to ensure that sites comply with current safety guidance for sports grounds. This only requires Photo ID at the point of entry and your NTF badge will provide you with access to all areas of the racecourse that it has done in the past, once you are in (noting that the RCA recommend that Photo IDs are retained about your person in in order that they are able to be shown upon request).

Access includes the O&T facility and the paddock although some additional restrictions will continue to exist at selected, high profile, meetings. Any such restrictions will be communicated in advance in the same way as they have been before. However, the RCA recommend that the Photo ID should be kept about your person during time on racecourses so as to be available on request.

### **How can I gain access to the racecourse if I forget my Photo ID?**

In such circumstances, it will be necessary to queue at the O&T desk to gain access.

### **Can I get a replacement for my Photo ID if I lose it?**

Yes, this can be done via the NTF office.

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Yes, this can be done via the NTF office although this arrangement is subject to review with the RCA depending on the number that are lost throughout the year.

### **Can my Photo ID be uploaded to my mobile phone and will this be accepted by racecourses?**

At present, no. However, we intend to work with the RCA to put this in place later this year.

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## INDUSTRY NEWS

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### All-card trot up dates, April - September 2024

Please see [this link](#) for an updated list of the Flat and Jump fixtures at which all-card trot ups and pre-race examinations are expected to take place in the coming months. This now includes a provisional schedule up until the end of September 2024.

Please continue to contact the BHA in advance of raceday if you wish to discuss a horse that may be described as a “poor mover” or having an “asymmetrical gait”. The easiest way to do this is by emailing: [vetreports@britishhorseracing.com](mailto:vetreports@britishhorseracing.com)

### Foundation Courses at The British Racing School - DATE CHANGE NOTIFICATION - start date 13/05/24 (12-week course finishing beginning of August)

The British Racing School has announced a date change for the next Foundation Course intake, which will now begin on 13th May 2024. A 12-week course, this will finish in early August, proving perfect timing for any NH yards who would like to upskill some of their younger staff over the quieter summer period. Students will be working towards a Level 2

Diploma in Racehorse Care and Management and will continue to be supported by BRS staff on their return to the yard.

Costs: £850 (plus £100 deposit)

Bursaries available for lower income families

All accommodation & subsistence included.

Students will be taught best practice methods of how to care for racehorses, will understand the basics of equine first aid, what to look for when checking for lameness, how to tack up and handle horses confidently, and how to canter racehorses confidently upsides and in a string, as well as life skills such as cooking and basic car maintenance.

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### Transforming Retraining: supporting racehorses' to have successful second careers - WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL at CHELTENHAM RACECOURSE

Hartpury University would like to invite you to a presentation of the findings from our research at Cheltenham Racecourse.

If you have an interest in retraining or rehoming former racehorses, we hope you will be able to join us at **Cheltenham before racing on Wednesday 17th April 10.30 – 11.30am am**. We will share our findings with you, discuss them with a panel and open up the presentation to the floor for questions. Refreshments provided.

Following retirement from racing, racehorses adapt physically and mentally to a new lifestyle and different performance expectations. Optimal early retraining is of paramount importance to maximise the racehorse's potential to have a good quality of life beyond racing. However, little is known about how this transition is managed by those experienced in supporting retraining racehorses. We have surveyed and discussed how horses' transition from racing to their second careers is managed across experienced retrainers, racing and veterinary professionals. The results have identified common features, and key stages of successful early retraining.

This research project was funded by the Hong Kong Jockey Club Equine Welfare Research Foundation.

The purpose of this session is to reach out to participants that have an interest in retraining & rehoming former racehorses.

**PLEASE RSVP TO [Saranna.jordan@hartpury.ac.uk](mailto:Saranna.jordan@hartpury.ac.uk) AS WE NEED NAMES TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE.**

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## EMPLOYMENT

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### Employment legislation changes

A reminder that:

**Flexible working** requests can now be made from day 1 of employment. This does not mean that you have to grant the request but you can only refuse on certain grounds and you must not turn the request down without a consultation meeting with the employee.

**Carer's leave** This is one week's unpaid leave in a rolling twelve month period for an employee to give or arrange care for a dependant with an illness or injury which means they are expected to need care for more than 3 months, has a disability or has care needs because of their old age.

**Paternity leave** – this can now be taken in two separate blocks of one week rather than two consecutive weeks.

**Redundancy protection** – greater protection from redundancy during pregnancy and new parents will have extended protection when they return from maternity, adoption and shared parental leave.

Full details of the changes are set out in the [NTF employment manual](#) and advice can, of course, be obtained as normal from the NTF office.

### Health emergency information sharing

We are occasionally contacted by trainers uncertain as to how much they can tell the emergency services, health professional or an employee's contact in an emergency particularly regarding mental health.

As you would expect, data protection law allows organisations to share personal information in an urgent or emergency situation to help them prevent loss of life or serious physical, emotional or mental harm. The same obligations apply to processing information about your workers' mental health as their physical health.

Of course, you do not always know the exact nature of the relationship between an employee and their emergency contact and it will be a decision make as to how much information to share with that person. One suggestion is that when you ask a new employee to provide their emergency contact details, you clarify with them if they have any restrictions they want in place on the information you can share with that contact.

We have added an emergency health information sharing policy to the [Handbook](#) area of the NTF website and updated the Employee Privacy Notice in the [Data Protection](#) area to provide more information for employees on how you may share their information.

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## OTHER BUSINESS

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### USEFUL LINKS :

Assistance at the start :

Training on racing2learn <https://racing2learn.com/course/index.php?categoryid=97>

Point to Point :

[https://www.pointtopoint.co.uk/news\\_articles/pointing-route-to-training-under-rules](https://www.pointtopoint.co.uk/news_articles/pointing-route-to-training-under-rules)

Trainer Support Network :

A network of knowledgeable and empathetic people for trainers to share the burdens of their busy and challenging working life. <https://www.racehorsetrainers.org/ntf/tsn.asp>