

Western Learn to Ride Exam Challenging

For those riders who already have existing equestrian experience, and wish to enter the Western Learn to Ride program at their level of competency a challenge process has been allowable. This process allows riders to fast track through the Western Learn to Ride program and enter into it where their competency lies. The challenge process is only available for levels 1-4 and not for any of the levels within the Western Intermediate Rider program.

Riders challenging levels in the Western Learn to Ride program must complete only the **written and stable management sections** of the exams for **each level leading up to the level they will be challenging**, and then **all sections** of the test for **the level they are challenging with a passing mark in each section**. Written exams must be completed under the supervision of an examiner and may not be completed online or at the Alberta Equestrian Federation office.

Example: Rider A has several years experience riding Western. Rider A wishes to challenge Western Learn to Ride level 4 so they can pursue their instructor certification right away. Rider A will be required to complete the following sections of each exam as follows:

- Western Learn to Ride Level 1 – written section and stable management section only with passing mark of 70% or higher in both sections
- Western Learn to Ride Level 2 – written section and stable management section only with passing mark of 70% or higher in both sections
- Western Learn to Ride Level 3 – written section and stable management section only with passing mark of 70% or higher in both sections
- Western Learn to Ride Level 4 – all sections must be completed with passing mark of 70% or higher in each section

Riders are responsible for reviewing the requirements at each of the prior levels. It is recommended that riders contact an examiner who is familiar with the Learn to Ride Programs within their respective discipline, and do an assessment ride so the examiner can recommend which level is best suited for the rider to challenge.

For more details, please contact the Alberta Equestrian Federation office or speak with a qualified examiner. **IMPORTANT:** Challenging a rider level is not to be a drawn-out process. Essentially, a rider who is challenging a level is indicating that they already demonstrate at standard, the necessary skillset outlined in the respective level they are challenging at the time of application. Applications for challenging rider levels will be reviewed in detail and a clear completion date must be indicated. The challenge process is not to be abused in a way such that a rider uses it to fast track through the program if they cannot demonstrate proper skills at the level being challenged. Riders should be prepared, confident, and competent in all areas at the challenged level at time of request.

Questions?
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