



NMRC Trainers Exam Requirements

In order to be eligible to take a trainer's exam in New Mexico you must have followed the guidelines list below:

16.47.1.10 TRAINERS: A. Eligibility:

- (1) An applicant for a license as trainer or assistant trainer must be at least 18 years of age.
- (2) The board of stewards may first determine whether an applicant for a license as a trainer or assistant trainer has taken an examination in another pari-mutuel jurisdiction prior to applying for a license in New Mexico. The board of stewards shall have sole discretion in which jurisdiction to reciprocate licensing.
- (3) Applicants not previously licensed as a trainer or assistant trainer in New Mexico or applying for a renewal license as a trainer shall be qualified, as determined by the stewards or other commission designee, by reason of:
 - (a) At least five years' experience as a licensed groom, jockey, exercise rider, or pony person.
 - (b) Shall be required to pass the New Mexico racing commission's sanctioned written trainers' examination, with a minimum score of 80 percent in each category, an oral interview with the board of stewards and pass a demonstration of practical skills.
 - (c) Must submit two written statements from trainers currently licensed in New Mexico as to the character and qualifications of the applicant and one written statement from a currently licensed owner stating intent to place one or more horses with the applicant, when licensed.
 - (d) Applicants failing the first written/oral examination must wait 90 days before retaking the trainer's test.
 - (e) Applicants failing the second written/oral examination must wait 180 days before retaking the trainer's test.
 - (f) Applicants failing the third written/oral examination must wait one year before retaking the trainer's test.
- (4) Any trainer who has been the subject of a medication violation or investigation in any jurisdiction is subject to an oral examination conducted by the stewards; a demonstration of practical skills; or the New Mexico racing commission's sanctioned written trainer's examination and must pass with a minimum score of 80 percent in each category.
- (5) Upon timely request to the steward's or commission designee due to disability or other factors affecting the applicant's ability to effectively complete the trainer's test (such as illiteracy or language barriers), reasonable accommodations shall be made for the applicant including, but not limited to, oral administration of the examination, use of a pre-approved translator, and aid from pre-approved assistant where deemed appropriate by the stewards or commission designee administering the examination.
- (6) Failure to start a minimum of one horse every six months while holding a trainer's license shall require licensee to retest or interview before the board of stewards.
- (7) Any trainer who has obtained a trainer's license in another jurisdiction but has failed to start a minimum of five horses in a jurisdiction that conducts pari-mutuel wagering, will be required to pass an oral examination before the

New Mexico board of stewards, a demonstration of practical skills administered by a New Mexico racing commission designee; and take the New Mexico commission sanctioned written trainers examination and must pass with a minimum score of 80 percent in each category.

(8) Any potential trainer or assistant trainer who has started the licensing process in the state of New Mexico and obtains a trainer's or assistant trainer's license in another jurisdiction will be required to pass an oral examination before the New Mexico board of stewards, a demonstration of practical skills administered by a New Mexico racing commission designee, and take the New Mexico racing commission sanctioned written trainers examination and must pass with a minimum score of 80 percent in each category.

(9) Any trainer or assistant trainer who has passed the HISA written examination will also be required to pass an oral examination before the New Mexico board of stewards, a demonstration of practical skills administered by a New Mexico racing commission designee and take a New Mexico racing commission sanctioned written trainers examination and must pass with a minimum score of 80 percent in each category.