



## 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)** Applicants not previously licensed 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 two years' experience as a licensed groom, jockey, exercise rider, pony person, plater or owner who is actively participating in the stable area. An owners' license will only be accepted if licensee can prove they are a "hands-on" owner actively working as a groom at the racetrack on their own horses under the supervision of a licensed trainer. 16.47.1 NMAC 8.
  - (b)** Shall be required to pass a written examination, with a minimum score of 80 percent in each category, oral interviews with stewards and a regulatory veterinarian; and demonstrate 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 30 days before retaking the trainer's test.
  - (e)** Applicants failing the second written/oral examination must wait 60 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.
- (3)** A trainer licensed and in good standing in New Mexico applying for a renewal license or a trainer from another jurisdiction, and the license having been issued within a 24-month period, may be accepted if evidence of experience and qualifications are provided. In addition, the licensee must have no record of a class 1 or 2 violation, in the preceding 24-month period in any jurisdiction for it to be accepted. Evidence of qualifications shall require passing one or more of the following:
  - (a)** an interview with the stewards.
  - (b)** a demonstration of practical skills;
  - (c)** a written test;
- (4)** 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.
- (5)** Failure to start a minimum of one horse every six months while holding a trainer's license will subject licensee to retest or interview before the board of stewards.