



ACCREDITATION BOARD REPORTS

Introduction

The Accreditation Board visits a country for an initial visit at the request of the national association, when that association feels that the training and examination system meets or exceeds the standards set by EFFA for the European Farrier in the 21st Century. The report will then be presented to the next Annual General Meeting (AGM) for endorsement. If the AGM awards accreditation as fully meeting the EFFA standards, the national association will be entitled to nominate farriers as Certified Euro-Farriers. If the AGM awards conditional accreditation, the national association will be able to nominate Certified Euro-Farriers, but will have to accept a re-visit, normally one year later, to demonstrate that all conditions have been met. If the AGM decides that the standards of training or examination do not meet the EFFA standards, accreditation will not be awarded. In such cases, the national association may request a further visit when the shortcomings identified in the original report have been rectified.

Once a national association has been accredited, it must have a re-accreditation visit every 6 years.

The full report consists of:

- Introduction
- Previous Reports and Recommendations
- Report on the Suitability of the Training Programme
- Resources
- Examination Standards of Competence
- Review of the Organisation and Management of Examinations
- General Comments
- Conclusions
- Recommendations

The report will look at these areas in considerable depth, and will make comments on strengths and weaknesses, and will identify any areas that do not meet the EFFA standards. In order to allow detailed and frank reporting, these full reports are kept confidential. However, the General Comments and Conclusions in respect of nations meeting the EFFA standards are written so that they may be made public. The General Comments and Conclusions for accredited nations follow. Where a nation has been the subject of a re-accreditation visit or a second visit after failing to achieve accreditation, only the latest report is included.



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General Comments

The school and the Association had taken note of the recommendations and comments in the previous report, and had taken action to implement the necessary changes. These developments are being carried forward into a plan for continuing improvement in facilities and workshops, and the use of visiting specialists. The Board felt that this should be extended to include an external examiner with experience of the EFFA standards at the next few Journeyman examinations to support the existing Swedish examiners.

The changes in facilities, procedures and standards introduced since the last visit met all the concerns previously expressed by the Board.

Conclusions

The EFFA Accreditation Board recommends approval of the Svenska Hovslagareforeningen (Swedish Farrier Association) Journeyman Farrier Examination obtained following successful completion of the courses of training offered at the Biologiska Yrkeshögskolan Skara (BYS) for accreditation and certification in accordance with the Standards of the European Farrier in the 21st Century as approved by the European Federation of Farriers Associations.

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