

# Certificate of Veterinary Examination of a Horse Prior to Sale at Auction and your VDS Professional Indemnity Insurance

The Certificate of Veterinary Examination of a Horse Prior to Sale at Auction is an “approved certificate” in respect of the Veterinary Defence Society Professional Indemnity Insurance Policy **only if** the horse is to be offered for sale at a named sale where the sale conditions require that:

1. the horse has undergone a veterinary examination, substantially in accordance with the standard procedure recommended by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons / Veterinary Council of Ireland / British Equine Veterinary Association / Veterinary Ireland Guidance Notes on the Examination of a Horse on Behalf of a Prospective Purchaser (2018), and;
2. a certificate describing the examination referred to in 1) above is to be presented to the Auction Company in advance of the sale, and;
3. the successful bidder has the right to cancel the purchase having had the horse examined by a veterinary surgeon on their behalf.

# CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY EXAMINATION OF A HORSE PRIOR TO SALE AT AUCTION

(See Note 1)

The notes 1 to 4 appear on the reverse of this certificate

## THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT:

On: (Date & Time)

## AT THE REQUEST OF AND ON BEHALF OF THE SELLER

Seller's Name & Address:

## I HAVE EXAMINED THE HORSE DESCRIBED BELOW WHICH IS TO BE

ENTERED FOR SALE BY AUCTION ON (Date of Sale)

AT (Place of Sale)

## SELLER'S DECLARATION:

I declare that the horse described opposite is offered for sale as being suitable for:

I declare that this horse has not received any surgery, medication or abnormal nutrients likely to interfere with the findings of a clinical examination and is not subject to any disease, injury, physical abnormality or any vice, other than recorded below or declared here:

This certificate is to be used solely in connection with the sale shown opposite.

Signature .....

Date ...../...../.....

## DESCRIPTION OF THE HORSE

Horse's Name	Breed or Type	APPROXIMATE AGE RANGE by Dentition* <b>OR</b> by Documentation* (* delete as appropriate)
Passport Number	Sex	(See Note 2)
Microchip Number	Colour	

## STAGES OF THE EXAMINATION (See Note 3)

I omitted stage(s) of the standard procedure because

During the third stage of my examination the horse was (State the type of exercise)

Flexion tests were performed on the following limbs: **LEFT FORE** / **RIGHT FORE** / **LEFT HIND** / **RIGHT HIND** (delete those tests not performed)

Trotting on a small diameter circle on a firm surface **WAS** / **WAS NOT** performed

A blood sample **WAS** / **WAS NOT** taken from the horse during the examination (for medication analysis if required).

## REPORT OF RELEVANT CLINICAL FINDINGS

Report continued on attached sheet **YES** / **NO**

## OPINION OF THE EXAMINING VETERINARY SURGEON (See Note 4)

In my opinion, on the balance of probabilities, the clinical findings reported above **DO** / **DO NOT** prejudice this horse's suitability to be used for

Veterinary Surgeon's Signature

Date of Signature

Veterinary Surgeon's Name

And Address  
(In Block Capitals)

**THE EXAMINATION REFERRED TO IN THIS CERTIFICATE MUST TAKE PLACE WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE AUCTION**

**Note 1 – CONDITIONS OF EXAMINATION**

The examination for this certificate was carried out exclusively for the benefit and information of THE SELLER of the animal described overleaf and solely for the purpose of fulfilling the conditions of the Auction Company pertaining on the date of sale. No liability whatsoever shall arise under this certificate, except for the purpose of that sale and under those conditions alone, and in particular, no liability is assumed towards any purchaser. This certificate is not valid for private sales.

**Note 2 – AGE**

Estimates of age based on an examination of dentition are imprecise and unreliable. In my opinion the approximate age is as stated and/or within the range shown. If the term 'aged' is used, this means that in my opinion the animal is over 15 years old.

**Note 3 – THE EXAMINATION**

This clinical examination was carried out substantially in accordance with the standard procedure recommended by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons/Veterinary Council of Ireland/British Equine Veterinary Association/Veterinary Ireland Guidance Notes on the Examination of a Horse on Behalf of a Prospective Purchaser (2018).

The examination was conducted in 5 stages.

1. Preliminary examination
2. Trotting up
3. Strenuous exercise
4. Period of rest
5. A second trot up and foot examination

All stages were carried out except where the condition of the animal, alone, at the time of the examination, rendered the inclusion of all five stages of the protocol impossible or hazardous e.g. where the animal was pregnant or was unbroken, and could not be exercised strenuously. It should be clear on the certificate overleaf why and in what way the examination has been varied. If for any reason any stage was missed, the opinions expressed herein are based on that restricted examination.

**Note 4 – OPINION**

The opinion expressed overleaf is based solely on the clinical examination set out above on the day shown. It is given subject to the qualification that the animal may be suffering from a latent defect not discoverable in the five stage clinical examination, and that the said animal may be presently subject to some previously administered drug or medicament intended to, or having the effect of, masking or concealing some disease, injury or physical abnormality which might otherwise be clinically discoverable.

Furthermore, the condition of the animal may have changed between the date of examination and the date of sale.

**The certificate may only be presented at auction if the examination has taken place within 14 days of auction. Purchasers are advised to have the horse re-examined in accordance with the sale conditions.**