

# HORSEMANSHIP SPECIALIST COURSE ROYAL SCHOOL-SPECIFIC QUALIFICATION 2026–2027 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

## HORSEMANSHIP

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This training provides the knowledge and skills required to pursue a career as a dressage rider. It lasts two or three years and offers students who demonstrate outstanding aptitude during their studies the opportunity to undertake an additional year of specialised training. With Classical Dressage as the central focus of the programme, students take part in the activities carried out by the Real Escuela, including galas, exhibitions and public performances.

## PLACES AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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For the **2026-2027 academic year**, **FIVE PLACES** are announced, which will be filled by the candidates who achieve the highest scores in the entrance exams. Places will be assigned according to the overall score obtained in the different sections of the examination.

- **PRACTICAL TEST – performance of a dressage test (75% of the final score).**
- **THEORETICAL EXAM – multiple-choice test (20% of the final score).**
- **PERSONAL INTERVIEW with the School Management and the Training Committee (5% of the final score).**

The available places will be allocated to those applicants obtaining the highest combined score in the three components of the selection process. Where candidates achieve the same score, preference will be given to those who hold a Baccalaureate qualification.

## EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SELECTION PROCESS AND APPLY FOR A PLACE:

- **SPECIALIST TRAINING COURSE IN HORSEMANSHIP for students with a Spanish Secondary Education (ESO) qualification**, opting for a TWO-year training program.
- **SPECIALIST TRAINING COURSE IN HORSEMANSHIP for students with a Baccalaureate Diploma (bachillerato)**, opting for a THREE-year training program.

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- **ADDITIONAL SPECIALISATION YEAR IN HORSEMANSHIP** – students who successfully complete the two- or three-year programme and demonstrate the required aptitude, may be offered the opportunity to undertake an additional year of specialised training.

At the end of each course within the academic training program, a selective assessment will be conducted. Students must demonstrate both the acquisition of the knowledge outlined in the program and an appropriate academic attitude. Failure to meet these requirements will result in the termination of their participation in the training.

The requirements to apply for a place are the following:

- Applicants must have completed ESO or Baccalaureate.
- Be aged between 16 and 24 years old.
- Not suffer from any medical conditions that would prevent safe interaction with horses and equipment.
- Applicants must be able to understand and speak Spanish very well.

### REGISTRATION AND DOCUMENTATION

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The completed application form must be submitted along with the required documentation to:

- [formacion@realescuela.org](mailto:formacion@realescuela.org)
- **Fundación Real Escuela Andaluza del Arte Ecuestre**  
**Departamento de Formación**  
**Avda. Duque de Abrantes s/n. 11407. Jerez de la Frontera, Cádiz. España**

Documentation to be submitted with the application:

- A photocopy of the required academic qualification.
- Official medical certificate.
- Proof of payment of examination fees.
- Parental or guardian authorization (if the applicant is underage).
- A photocopy of the National ID (DNI/NIE) or passport.
- Two passport-sized photographs.

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## **EXAMINATION FEES**

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The registration and examination fee for the Horsemanship Specialty is €60. Applicants may apply exclusively in each call for applications to the Equestrian Specialisation, by paying the required fee to the following bank account:

**FUNDACIÓN REAL ESCUELA ANDALUZA DEL ARTE ECUESTRE  
CAIXABANK  
OFICINA MAMELÓN  
CALLE SEVILLA 6  
11402 JEREZ DE LA FRONTERA, CADIZ  
CUENTA: 2100 2626 31 0210071433  
IBAN: ES69 2100 2626 3102 1007 1433**

## **DEADLINES FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND EXAM DATES**

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**The application submission period will be OPEN FROM MONDAY, 22 JUNE 2026 TO FRIDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2026.**

The entrance examinations will take place at the facilities of the Royal School, located on Avenida Duque de Abrantes, **on Wednesday, 23 September 2026** with horses provided by the Royal School.

## **NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS AND COMMENCEMENT OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR**

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The results will be communicated by phone and email. Once the selection process is completed, each applicant will be informed—by phone and via the email address provided—of the full list of participants' scores, including the ranking order and a pseudonymized identification number.

Applicants may request a review of their examinations and have the right to know the results obtained by the other participants, as well as the documentation used as the basis for the scoring, particularly in relation to those candidates who received higher marks.

**The course will begin on Thursday, 1 October 2026.**

## **TUITION FEES**

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The annual tuition fee for the Specialist Training Course in Horsemanship is **€2,500**.

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## REGULATIONS

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The formalization of enrolment in the course implies acceptance of the Internal Regulations, which include all elements related to the selection period, class attendance, discipline and attitude, learning and aptitude. Likewise, consideration will also be given to the attitude towards staff, the treatment of teaching materials and costumes, behaviour and all those deriving from student status. The Royal School reserves the right to take disciplinary measures in the event of a breach of the established rules and regulations.

## ENTRANCE EXAMS

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For the different tests, you must bring your DNI or NIE and the valid federation card.

The examinations will comprise the following:

- *Practical exam:* It consists of executing a Classical Dressage test (attached to this document, corresponding to the test of [Clásica 1 de la RFHE](#) on a 60 X 20 m. track. This exercise will be done from memory, and each applicant will be assigned a horse by public draw.  
This test is judged by five riding instructors. The highest and the lowest scores obtained will be excluded, and the average of the remaining three will be calculated.  
This test will be eliminatory; candidates who do not achieve a minimum average score of 65% will not be allowed to continue in the process.
- *Theoretical exam:* It will consist of essay questions covering topics included in the bibliography. During the test, the examining board may conduct a personal interview.
- *Personal interview* with the School management and members of the Training Committee.

### Bibliografía:

1. Podhajsky, Alois: **La equitación clásica**. Sevilla: Lettera, 2006. ISBN: 84-96060-35-7.
2. [Reglamento de Doma Clásica de la RFHE.](#)
3. [Reglamento General. RFHE.](#)

**FINAL MARK AND TEST RESULTS:** The final mark will be the result of calculating the average of the scores obtained in the practical and theoretical exercises, and in the interview, considering that the practical test contributes 75% to the total, the theoretical test 20%, and the interview 5%. Places will be assigned strictly according to the ranking of scores. In the event that two candidates obtain the same final mark, the admission qualification will be decisive, with the Baccalaureate qualification being given higher value. If the tie still remains, priority will be given to the highest score in the practical test, and ultimately to the highest average score from the overall test.