

SADDLERY SPECIALIST TRAINING COURSES ROYAL SCHOOL-SPECIFIC QUALIFICATION 2026–2027 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

SADDLERY

The necessary resources are provided for students to acquire the knowledge that will enable them to create and repair various leather harness items for horseback riding and carriage driving, becoming familiar with the tools and materials and applying specific techniques and procedures.

The course has a duration of three years during which students will receive both theoretical and, primarily, practical training in the Harness Workshop of the Royal School. In addition, knowledge is provided on techniques, the history of the horse, carriage driving, and hippology. Students who demonstrate outstanding aptitude during the course may be offered the opportunity to undertake an additional year of specialization.

PLACES AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

For the **2026-2027 academic year**, **FOUR places** are announced, which will be filled by the candidates who achieve the highest scores in the entrance exams.

Upon completion of each of the courses comprising the training programme (three in total), 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 training.

The requirements to apply for a place are the following:

- Applicants must have completed ESO (Spanish Secondary Education).
- Be aged between 16 and 30 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

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

- formacion@realescuela.org or to
- **Fundación Real Escuela Andaluza del Arte Ecuestre**
Departamento de Formación
Avda. Duque de Abrantes s/n. 11407. Jerez de la Frontera, Cádiz. España

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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

EXAMINATION FEES

The registration and examination fee for the Saddlery Specialty is €30. Applicants may apply exclusively in each call for applications to the Saddlery specialty in each call for applications, 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

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 Monday, 21 September 2026.**

NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS AND COMMENCEMENT OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

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.

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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

The annual tuition fee for the Specialist Training Course in Saddlery is **€800**.

REGULATIONS

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

You must bring your ID card (DNI) or foreigner identification number (NIE) to the entrance exam.

The exam will consist of a theoretical-practical test and an interview.

- Theoretical-practical test:
 - Knowledge of workshop tools.
 - Knowledge of the different horse equipment made in a harness workshop.
 - Hand sewing practice.

This test will be evaluated by a teacher from the Royal School.

- Personal interview with the Royal School Managing Director and members of the Training Committee.

FINAL SCORE AND RESULTS OF THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS: The final score shall be calculated as the weighted average of the marks obtained in the theoretical-practical examination and the personal interview, with the former accounting for 95% of the final score and the latter for 5%. Places shall be allocated according to the score obtained.