



### EA APPLICATION FOR DOWNGRADING HORSE/PONY

**(Only applicable to a specific combination of horse/pony and rider where the horse is currently graded Elementary and above)**

To: State Dressage Authority (where the horse is domiciled, registered, or to be transferred to)

I wish to apply for the downgrading of the following horse/pony.

The person lodging the application must be the owner or registered lessee of the horse/pony.

Downgrade applications must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the first competition at which it is proposed to officially compete the horse/pony at a downgraded level. Applications will be dealt with at the next available Committee meeting.

#### Block Letters please

Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.		Surname		Given Name:	
Address:					
Town:				Post Code:	
Phone:	BH:	AH:	Mobile:		
Email:					

Horse's EA Reg Name:	
Horse's EA Reg Number:	
Age of Horse:	
Horse's Graded Level & Pts:	
Owners Name:	
Owners EA Number:	
Rider Name:	
Rider EA Number	
Rider Age:	

**PAYMENT THIS BECOMES A TAX INVOICE UPON PAYMENT- please copy for your records \*\*NON-REFUNDABLE\*\*  
COST: \$100.00**

I have enclosed a cheque/money order payable to "Equestrian Victoria" or charge my VISA /MASTERCARD for \$100.00

Card Holders Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ CVC: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach the original Performance Card of the horse/pony.

Please supply the following information.

- Original Dressage Competition License

**Application Fee:** (Inc. GST) payable on application and non-refundable regardless of whether the application is approved or not.

Please attach separate sheet of information if necessary

<b>Experience of Rider:</b>	

<b>Name of Instructor/Coach:</b>	
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<b>Experience/History of the horse/pony:</b>	

<b>Reason for Downgrading Request:</b>	

<b>Intended Use:</b>	

<b>Applicant's Signature:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	
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**EA Rule 4.10**

**4.10 Downgrading of horses/ponies**

Applications for downgrading of horses/ponies for any category of competition must be directed to the relevant SDA and the following applies:

- a) applications for downgrading must be made in writing with supporting documentation
- b) an application to downgrade a horse/pony must be made or endorsed by the registered owner or lessee
- c) each request will be considered separately and, on its merit,
- d) the decision to downgrade and to what level is entirely at the discretion of the SDA
- e) downgrading may occur only once in the duration of a rider's partnership with the horse/pony
- f) downgrading may occur more than once in a horse/pony's lifetime but must not occur more than once in a 2-year period
- g) will only apply to those graded at least Elementary level and above
- h) must not exceed a maximum of three levels (e.g. Advanced to Novice refer to rule 4.8.2 for definition of levels)
- i) if the horse is ridden by someone other than the rider for whom the downgrade is requested, it must compete at its previous level and any grading points earned will be awarded in relation to that previous level.
- j) when a downgrade is granted the combination must fulfill any criteria regarding eligibility of horses/ponies for each level as outlined in 4.8.3.2.

**In relation to Hors Concours (HC) please refer to Rule 4.12**