What else do you need to know…

What is the purpose of Para Classification?
Classification allows sports to determine which athletes are eligible to compete in para sports and how the athletes are grouped together for competition allowing the athletes to compete based on their skill in their chosen sport. It aims to minimise the impact of someone's impairment on the outcome of competition.

For a full explanation of Para Classification, please view the [ParalympicsGB Classification Explainer](#).

The Classification systems are created to be sport specific, with the physical tests designed to determine the physical abilities of the athletes against the physical requirements of their chosen sport.

What is the role of a Para Equestrian Classifier?
The role of a Para Equestrian Classifier is to determine the eligibility of an athlete for Para Equestrian Sports; Para Dressage and Para Driving. Where applicable, it is the Classifiers' role to allocate that athlete with a Profile, Grade and Grade Status in line with the rules and regulations which will enable that individual to compete in para competitions of their chosen equestrian sport.

Who manages the National Classification Programme?
British Equestrian manages the Para Equestrian National Classification Programme.

What can you expect as a National Classifier?
A qualified National Para-Equestrian Classifier is largely a volunteer position, however, the expenses for attending classification hubs are covered and a small fee for classification appointments and observation assessments is paid to the classifiers. A classifier will become part of the National Team and be expected to classify at 3 hubs over a 2 year period, attend CPD events throughout the year (on line and in person) and volunteer to score card check after classification events. They may also work as and attend classification meetings at national competitions. With experience, classifiers may become members of the National Working Panels looking at eligibility of athletes. Classifiers may also have the opportunity to represent Para-Equestrian at British Paralympic events and forums.

Continuous Professional Development
To maintain the qualification, the individual must:

- Attend at least three national level para-equestrian hubs as a classifier every two years.
- Demonstrate commitment to the role and responsibilities.
- Demonstrate working knowledge of all aspects of the classification process including the Eligible Impairments, Athlete Evaluation, GDPR.
- Have knowledge of health conditions and impairments eligible to be classified for para equestrian sport.
- Be able to assist with evaluation of athletes with complex health conditions and/or impairments and assist with determining if the athlete meets the Minimal Impairment Criteria.
- Volunteer as a score card checker.
- Be able to assign appropriate Profile, Grade and Status following an Athlete Evaluation.
- Have a knowledge of the National Sport Rules for Para-Equestrian Competition.
- Complete documentation relevant to Athlete Classification as required to a high standard.
- Have comprehensive knowledge of the process for identifying, recording and approving standard and non-standard compensating aids used by Athletes in National Competitions.

Please reference BEF National Classification Rules Chapter II National Classification Personnel for full details.

Do I hold the right kind of qualification for this course?
This course is only open to Chartered Physiotherapists on the HCPC register (or international equivalent) or medical Doctors.

Are you attending this course from another country?

This course has been created and designed based on the rules and requirements of National Classifiers in Great Britian. Delegates attending from another country are welcome, but you would need to adhere to the rules of your home federation in order to retain this qualification.