Modification history

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| Release | Comments |
| Release 1 | This version released with RGR Racing Training Package Version 1.0. |

| RGRPSH209 | Attend horses at race meetings and trials |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to prepare horses for race meetings and trials, and perform post-race meeting duties.  The unit applies to individuals who perform routine tasks under supervision within the harness or thoroughbred racing industry.  Licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements apply to this unit. Users are advised to check with the relevant Principal Racing Authority for current requirements.  Work health and safety and animal welfare legislation relevant to interacting with horses apply to workers in this industry. Requirements vary in each state/territory jurisdiction. Users are advised to check with the relevant authority for specific requirements. |
| Prerequisite Unit | Nil |
| Unit Sector | Performance Horse (PSH) |

| Elements | Performance Criteria |
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| Elements describe the essential outcomes. | Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. |
| 1. Prepare horses for race meeting or trial. | 1.1 Prepare horses prior to race meeting or trial as instructed  1.2 Select and pack race gear according to instructions  1.3 Follow workplace requirements for personal presentation  1.4 Follow industry safe horse handling practices and identify risks relevant to tasks |
| 2. Attend race meetings or trials. | 2.1 Follow instructions from officials  2.2 Carry out pre-race or pre-trial duties for care of horses  2.3 Groom horses prior to race or trial  2.4 Provide assistance in saddling or harnessing horses  2.5 Parade horses prior to race (thoroughbreds only) |
| 3. Provide post-race or post-trial care of horses. | 3.1 Complete post-race or post-trial procedures according to race result  3.2 Inspect horses for injury and cool-down according to stable routine  3.3 Prepare horses and gear for return to stables as instructed  3.4 Return horses to stables and re-checked for post-race injury |

| Foundation Skills  This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria. | |
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| Skill | Description |
| Reading | * Interpret key information in written instructions and workplace procedures attending horses at race meetings and trials |
| Oral communication | * Use clear language and industry terminology appropriate for audience to convey and report information |
| Navigate the world of work | * Follow workplace procedures, including work health and safety and animal welfare requirements, associated with own role |
| Interact with others | * Follow accepted communication practices and protocols in stable and wider racing industry when working with others |
| Get the work done | * Follow clearly defined instructions to identify and sequence tasks and assemble equipment required for attending horses at race meetings and trials |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| RGRPSH209 Attend horses at race meetings and trials. | RGRPSH209A Attend horses at race meetings and trials. | Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages  Minor changes to performance criteria to strengthen safety | Equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for RGRPSH209 Attend horses at race meetings and trials |
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| Performance Evidence | |
| An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.  There must be evidence that the individual has attended to a minimum of two standardbred or thoroughbred horses over at least two race meetings and/or trials events, including for each:   * carried out instructions from supervisor and officials * cared for the standardbred or thoroughbred horse using safe handling techniques, including: * packed appropriate gear for specific horse * groomed and prepared horse for race meeting or trial * assisted with saddling or harnessing process * paraded horse (thoroughbreds only) * performed post-race procedures including cooling down and drying * provided reports relating to horses and/or gear to trainer. | |

| Knowledge Evidence |
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| An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:   * safe work practices and safety checks covering: * potential hazards and risks * horse condition and behaviour * fit and condition of horse gear and personal protective equipment (PPE) * principles and practices of attending horses: * common race injuries * common racehorse behaviour traits * industry terminology relating to race meetings and trials * pre-race duties * personal presentation and PPE requirements * types, fit and condition of race gear * main irregularities with horses and gear * post-race procedures * racing industry standards and expectations relevant to attending horses at race meetings and trials: * communication procedures within stable, race meeting venue and wider racing industry * effective working relationships including teamwork * racing industry animal welfare requirements * racing industry safety requirements including safe operating procedures * workplace documentation including relevant rules of racing |

| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions: * racing stables and racetracks conducting trials and race meetings * resources, equipment and materials: * various standardbred or thoroughbred racing horses assessed as suitable for skill and experience of candidate * approved racing standard PPE ,correctly fitted and appropriate for activity for candidate * tack or gear and equipment for race meeting and trials * specifications: * work instructions and workplace and/or race meeting procedures.   Assessors of this unit must:   * carry out a risk assessment of the individual’s characteristics, experience and level of horse handling skills to ensure that handler and horse combination is safe.   Training and assessment strategies must show evidence of guidance provided in the Companion Volume: User Guide: Safety in Equine Training.  Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.  In addition, the following specific assessor requirements apply to this unit:   * hold a qualification or Statement of Attainment which includes ACMEQU406 Manage selection of horse for new or inexperienced handler, rider or driver. |

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