Modification history

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

| RGRPSH204 | Prepare to drive jog work |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to prepare new or inexperienced drivers for the specific requirements of controlling horses in trackwork, using well-educated, standardbred horses, at beginner driver speed not trackwork speed.  The unit applies to individuals who perform routine tasks under supervision within the harness 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 | Prerequisite unit of competency for this unit is:   * RGRPSH203 Perform basic driving tasks |
| 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. Identify trackwork requirements | 1.1 Recognise and use industry terminology relating to exercising standardbred horses  1.2 Measure trackwork speeds and distances  1.3 Verify trackwork instructions  1.4 Clarify reasons for any subsequent modifications to instructions with supervisor  1.5 Check gear and equipment including personal protective equipment (PPE) |
| 2. Complete warm-up and cool-down procedures. | 2.1 Complete pre-drive safety checks according to workplace practices  2.2 Carry out warm-up and cool-down exercises  2.3 Carry out post-exercise activities for horse and gear |
| 3. Control horses before, during and after exercise | 3.1 Mount sulky safely  3.3 Exercise horses as instructed by supervisor  3.4 Recognise gaits of the horse on and off the horse  3.5 Dismount sulky safely  3.6 Use safe horse handling techniques under supervision, for nervous or excited horses |

| 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 or venue requirements |
| Oral communication | * Use questioning and active listening skills to clarify and confirm instructions |
| 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 jog drive work and care for horses |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| RGRPSH204 Prepare to drive jog work | RGRPSH204A Prepare to drive jog work | Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages  Minor changes to performance criteria for clarity | Equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for RGRPSH204 Prepare to drive jog work |
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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 performed the following activities on at least three occasions with at least two different well-educated standardbred horses, including for each:   * carried out a pre-drive trackwork requirements including safety check * carried out warm up and cool down exercises * demonstrated basic drive jog trackwork control of horse in driving manoeuvres at beginner driver (not trackwork) speeds, covering: * adjusted driving methods according to responses of the horse * controlled speed and direction of horse * used appropriate driving apparel * used appropriate items of gear * used aids to control speed and direction of horse at walk and jog. | |

| 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:   * track and jog work requirements including distances, speed and track features and surface condition * features to check in a pre-drive safety check, including: * potential hazards in exercise area * condition of track * fit and condition of horse tack and personal protective equipment (PPE) * horse condition and behaviour * weather conditions * principles and practices of jog work: * aids to control speed and direction of a horse * common horse behaviour, social traits and vices * industry terminology related to driving horses at trackwork * racing industry standards and expectations relevant to drive jog work: * purpose of using appropriate personal protective equipment * racing industry animal welfare requirements * harness racing industry safe operating procedures * assessing and controlling risks related activity and interacting with horses * relevant rules of racing and road safety. |

| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions: * a racing workplace track or simulated environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting * resources, equipment and materials: * various well-educated, standardbred horses assessed as suitable to the skills and experience of the individual * racing approved gear and equipment for individual, horse and activity * sulky or jog cart.   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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