Modification history

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

| RGRPSH404 | Ride horses at trackwork |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to apply advanced track riding skills, participate in professional riding arrangements with trainers, and introduce horses to practice barriers.  The unit applies to individuals, with experience in trackwork riding, who use specialised skills and knowledge to develop advanced trackwork riding skills.  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 applies to workers in this industry. Requirements vary between industry sectors and state/territory jurisdictions. Users are advised to check with the relevant authority for specific requirements. |
| Prerequisite Unit | Prerequisite unit of competency for this unit is:   * RGRPSH307 Exercise horses in pacework   Note the following chain of prerequisites that also apply to this unit.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Unit of competency | Prerequisite requirement | | RGRPSH307 Exercise horses in pacework | RGRPSH306 Develop basic trackwork riding skills | |
| 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. Apply advanced trackwork riding skills | 1.1 Assess hazards and risks associated with trackwork activity  1.2 Warm up and warm down horses from working pace and exercise in a balanced manner in all required gaits  1.3 Evaluate the pace of horse and maintain for required times and distances as instructed by trainer  1.4 Apply the rules and etiquette for riding on fast tracks  1.5 Follow safe entry and exit procedures to all tracks |
| 2. Participate in professional riding arrangements with trainers | 2.1 Comply with trainer instructions  2.2 Apply professional judgement according to the circumstances  2.3 Evaluate the performance of the horse and report to trainer or foreman |
| 3. Introduce horse to practice barriers | 3.1 Confirm arrangements to use practice barriers  3.2 Enter horses into and ride from practice barriers in a safe manner  3.3 Identify and address common barrier problems and report to trainer or foreman |

| 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 |
| Numeracy | * Use basic arithmetic to estimate and calculate speed, distance and time |
| Navigate the world of work | * Follow racing rules and workplace procedures, including safety and animal welfare requirements, associated with own work and role |
| Interact with others | * Adhere to track driving etiquette in interactions with others * Follow industry accepted practices for receiving trainer or foreman instructions and reporting horse performance |
| Get the work done | * Follow instructions, sequence tasks and prepare equipment required for trackwork and controlling horses * Take responsibility for and make routine decisions relating to safety, safe horse handling and trackwork within limits of own role |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| RGRPSH404 Ride horses at trackwork | RGRPSH404A Ride horses at trackwork | Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages  Addition of performance criteria to address safety | Equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for RGRPSH404 Ride horses at trackwork |
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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 ridden thoroughbred horses at advanced trackwork and practice barrier training, on at least three occasions, including for each occasion:   * interpreted, implemented and reported back on trackwork instructions of trainer * prepared for trackwork, including: * carried out a risk and hazard safety assessment * warmed-up and cooled-down horses * fitted items of approved gear * followed racing ettiquette and safe track entry and exit procedures * used appropriate techniques to control and ride horses in pacework and fast work singly or with other horses * introduced horses to riding into and from barriers, including identifying and addressing problems and reporting horse performance. | |

| 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:   * principles and practices of trackwork riding: * industry terminology related to riding horses in pacework and fast work * racing industry approved gear and aids * fast work riding techniques * safe entry and exit points for all tracks * riding etiquette * barrier operation and common barrier problems for horses * different horse paces, including, half pace, three-quarter pace, even time, working gallop * common racehorse behaviour traits and characteristics of individual horses * racing industry safety requirements, including: * safe operating procedures and risk assessment and control * personal protective equipment and purpose for its use * racing industry standards and expectations relevant to riding horses at trackwork: * communication procedures within stable and wider racing industry * effective working relationships and teamwork * racing industry animal welfare requirements * relevant rules of racing for pacework and fast work. |

| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions: * safe handling, riding and practice barrier areas, such as racing stables, and training and racetracks * resources, equipment and materials: * various thoroughbred horses assessed as suitable for the skill and experience of the candidate * appropriate and correctly fitted racing industry approved gear and equipment for individual, horse and activity * specifications: * trainer instructions and reporting requirements.   Training and assessment strategies must show evidence of the use 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. |

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