Modification history

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

| RGRPSH307 | Exercise horses in pacework |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to ride and exercise a range of horses in slow work and pacework. It includes selecting aids and gear, accepting rides based on rider and horse experience, reporting on horse performance and organising riding commitments.  The unit applies to individuals who work under supervision, using practical skills and specialised knowledge relevant to riding thoroughbred horses within racing industry guidelines.  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:   * RGRPSH306 Develop basic trackwork riding skills\*   Note the following chain of prerequisites that also apply to this unit.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Unit of competency | Prerequisite requirement | | RGRPSH306 Develop basic trackwork riding skills | RGRPSH205 Perform basic riding skills in the racing industry | | RGRPSH205 Perform basic riding skills in the racing industry | RGRPSH201 Handle racehorses in stables and at trackwork | |
| 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. Ride a range of horses in slow work | 1.1 Ride horses in slow work according to trainer instructions and safe work practices  1.2 Identify approved gear and fit safely to individual horses  1.3 Select aids and use within rules of racing and trainer instructions |
| 2. Ride experienced horses in pacework | 2.1 Accept rides based on rider experience and horse experience  2.2 Ride horses at a range of paces and tempos using time counting methods to determine speed  2.3 Demonstrate techniques used to control horses in a range of situations according to safe work practices  2.4 Follow trainer instructions to the best of ability, and report horse performance following trackwork |
| 3. Apply the rules of racing and track rules to trackwork | 3.1 Interpret rules of local track prior to undertaking trackwork  3.2 Schedule trackwork to meet requirements of local track availability and times  3.3 Follow track supervisor instructions and track rules including entry and exit of track  3.4 Apply rules of racing and industry etiquette to slow and fast trackwork |

| 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 relating to riding pacework |
| Numeracy | * Estimate and use basic arithmetic to calculate pace, time and distance |
| Navigate the world of work | * Follow rules of racing and workplace procedures, including work health and safety and animal welfare requirements, associated with own role |
| Interact with others | * Follow accepted industry practices and protocols for reporting horse performance and working with others |
| Get the work done | * Follow instructions, sequence tasks and prepare tack required for exercising horses * Take responsibility for and make routine decisions relating to safety, safe horse handling and pacework 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 |
| RGRPSH307 Exercise horses in pacework | RGRPSH307A Exercise horses in pacework | Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages  Revised element 3 | Equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for RGRPSH307 Exercise horses in pacework |
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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:   * interpreted and implemented trainer’s trackwork instructions including use of aids * exercised at least five different thoroughbred horses, over a distance of approximately 1000 metres, covering a range of paces, including: * half pace * three-quarter pace * even time * working gallop * used appropriate techniques to control horse safely in pacework, singly and in company * reported horse performance 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:   * pacework riding techniques, practices and industry terminology * common racehorse behaviour traits and responses to cues relevant to pacework * counting time at half pace, three-quarter pace, even time and working gallop * purpose and use for PPE * range and purpose of approved gear and aids * safe entry and exit points for relevant tracks relating to work envronment * formats for planning and organising personal work schedules * racing industry standards and expectations relevant to exercising horses in pacework: * communication procedures within stable and wider racing industry * basic strategies for effective working relationships and teamwork * racing industry animal welfare requirements * racing industry safety requirements including safe operating procedures. |

| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions: * a training or race track suitable for pacework * resources, equipment and materials: * variety of thoroughbred horses assessed as suitable for experience and skill of individual * racing industry approved and appropriate tack for individual, horse and pace work activity * specifications: * work instructions and related workplace documentation.   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. |

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