Modification history

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

| RGRPSH412 | Drive horses in races |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to follow pre and post-race routines, plan and use race strategies and driving skills, and report on races.  The unit applies to individuals who have driving skills suitable for race driving in races conducted on racetracks in the harness code of the 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 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:   * RGRPSH410 Prepare for race driving\*   Note the following chain of prerequisites that also apply to this unit.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Unit of competency | Prerequisite requirement | | RGRPSH410 Prepare for race driving | RGRPSH402 Drive horses in pacework and fast work | | RGRPSH402 Drive horses in pacework and fast work | RGRPSH305 Develop driving skills for trackwork | | RGRPSH305 Develop driving skills for trackwork | RGRPSH204 Prepare to drive jog work | | RGRPSH204 Prepare to drive jog work | RGRPSH203 Perform basic driving tasks | | RGRPSH203 Perform basic driving tasks | 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. Follow an appropriate pre and post-race routine | 1.1 Prepare race gear and check for safety prior to race day and immediately prior to a race  1.2 Apply pre and post-race procedures  1.3 Apply starting procedures |
| 2. Plan and use appropriate race strategies and driving skills | 2.1 Study form and racing behaviour of own horse and other horses and drivers  2.2 Warm up and warm down horses from racing pace according to trainer instructions  2.3 Use driving skills that are appropriate to a variety of track conditions and situations  2.4 Modify strategies appropriately as required during races, and according to pace and how race is being run  2.5 Ensure whip use and technique complies with rules of racing and industry standards |
| 3. Report on race | 3.1 Evaluate and report horse race performance  3.2 Report critical incidents of races  3.3 Apply protocol for communicating performance  3.4 Carry out post-race assessment of own performance |

| 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 |
| Learning | * Reflect on own performance to determine areas of strength and improvement |
| Navigate the world of work | * Comply with rules of racing and race protocols, and safe and ethical horse handling and race driving |
| Interact with others | * Follow racing protocols and practices for written and oral communication when reporting to and interacting with a range of racing personnel |
| Get the work done | * Use a range of information and instructions to plan and strategise race * Make appropriate judgement calls on driving strategies based on a range of common racing scenarios and contingency situations |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| RGRPSH412 Drive horses in races | RGRPSH412A Prepare to drive horses in races | Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages  Title change to reflect intent of unit | Equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for RGRPSH412 Drive horses in races |
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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 prepared for and driven in races on at least four occasions with different standardbred horses currently in training, over at least two different distances, including:   * prepared for race, including: * checked items of gear and equipment * evaluated track features and conditions * demonstrated sound driving strategies and skills during race, including: * controlled horses safely * stands, mobile starts, push out and leading * judged and maintained pace * used whip effectively following rules of racing and animal welfare guidelines * reported race incidents and evaluated own and 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 driving horses: * track features, surfaces and conditions * warm-up procedures * starting procedures for standing and mobile starts * score-up procedures * common racehorse behaviour traits * predicted behaviour or racing style of opposition horses in race * types and purpose of race gear and personal protective equipment * rules of racing and techniques for whip use * race driving strategies * types of race injury to horses * harness race procedures and protocols: * Australian and local rules of racing and regulations relating to race driving * types and classes of races * pre and post-race procedures * drug testing procedures * form of racing horses * handicapping system * industry terminology related to handling and racing horses * race meeting documentation * racing industry standards and expectations relevant to driving horses in races: * communication procedures with race meeting personnel and wider racing industry * 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: * racing training establishments, racetracks and registered race meetings * resources, equipment and materials: * various standardbred horses currently in training and assessed as suitable for the skill and experience of the individual * appropriate racing industry approved gear and equipment for individual, horse and activity * specifications: * trainer and racing official instructions and rules of racing.   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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