Modification history

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

| RGRPSH413 | Prepare for race riding |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to prepare for riding in races. It includes practising race riding skills, following rules of racing, interpreting form, and observing race meeting procedures and protocols.  The unit applies to individuals with approval to ride, who use specialised knowledge and practical riding skills and in 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 | 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. Identify and practise race riding skills | 1.1 Practise techniques for riding short in a racing saddle  1.2 Refine riding action to ride horses out using hands and heels and use of whip  1.3 Apply pre and post-race riding procedures |
| 2. Identify factors that can affect race outcomes | 2.1 Assess personal fitness and weight to ride at peak fitness and optimal weight  2.2 Walk track and assess track shape and surface for impact on individual horse performance  2.3 Research effect of horse ratings and handicapping system on race outcomes  2.4 Research effect of barrier draw on individual horses  2.5 Recognise individual horse's racing style |
| 3. Read and interpret form | 3.1 Use industry terminology and abbreviations to describe action and interpret performance  3.2 Interpret reports on trackwork, trial and race performance from a range of sources  3.3 Prepare and interpret speed maps according to industry practice |
| 4. Demonstrate knowledge of relevant rules and protocols related to riding in races | 4.1 Research procedures for applying for a permit to ride in races  4.2 Determine the system of apprentice claims  4.3 Identify and interpret inquiry and protest procedures  4.4 Research rider booking, and race nomination, acceptance and scratching procedures  4.5 Apply rules related to safe and compliant race riding during practise  4.6 Apply procedures to prepare race saddles to meet handicap weights  4.7 Identify reasons for personal weight fluctuations on race day, in races and over time |

| 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 | * Access racing information from a range of sources * Interpret racing industry terminology and locate and analyse key information to prepare for race riding |
| Numeracy | * Analyse and compare statistics on horse performance and form in preparation for race riding * Estimate and calculate speed, distance and time relevant to horse pace and riding |
| Navigate the world of work | * Adhere to rules of racing and race track protocols, and follow safe and ethical horse handling and work practices associated with own role |
| Interact with others | * Follow racing communication protocols and practices to undertake and complete race riding tasks to achieve outcomes |
| Get the work done | * Take responsibility for and apply a logical process for planning, preparing and practising for races with nominated horses * Anticipate and respond rapidly to changed circumstances in a trial, including emergency situations |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| RGRPSH413 Prepare for race riding | RGRPSH413A Prepare for race riding | Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages  Minor edits to performance criteria for clarity  Prerequisites removed | Equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for RGRPSH413 Prepare for race riding |
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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 race riding on at least three occasions, including:   * walked the track and assessed track shape and surface in relation to risks and horse performance * researched individual horse's form and expected performance * observed pre and post-race procedures including weighing in and out * prepared a race saddle and weigh out at three different weights * practised techniques for riding short in a racing saddle, including use of approved gear and equipment to control horse. | |

| 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 race riding: * purpose and preparation of speed maps * types and purpose of personal protective equipment (PPE) * industry terminology related to safe handling and racing of horses * pre and post-race riding procedures * methods for determining individual horse racing styles * techniques for riding short * whip use * relevant protocols and rules of racing and related to riding in races: * classes of races * permits to ride in races * apprentice weight claim allowances * procedures for race nominations, acceptances and scratchings * procedures to organise rider bookings * drug testing procedures * inquiry and protest procedures * use of whips * racing industry standards and expectations relevant to preparing for race riding: * communication procedures within stable 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: * jockey's room and race tracks * resources, equipment and materials: * various thoroughbred horses assessed as suitable for the skill and experience of the individual to practise race riding skills * jockey scales * sources of information on trackwork, previous races and horse performances * appropriate racing industry approved gear and equipment for individual, horse and activity * specifications: * work instructions, relevant rules of racing and related documentation.   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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