Modification history

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

| RGRPSH415 | Ride 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 race strategies and use high level riding skills, and report on races.  The unit applies to individuals who are approved to ride in official barrier races. They have high level riding skills and experience suitable for riding in races conducted on racecourses in the thoroughbred 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:   * RGRPSH413 Prepare for race riding |
| 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 Weigh out at correct weight according to rules of racing  1.2 Prepare race gear and check for safety prior to race day and immediately prior to a race  1.3 Provide race meeting documentation to officials  1.4 Assess track features and racecourse conditions  1.5 Apply pre and post-race procedures  1.6 Comply with starting procedures and instructions from racing officials |
| 2. Plan and use appropriate race strategies and riding skills | 2.1 Utilise speed maps and other forms of analysis to prepare for race  2.2 Warm horses up and down before and after race according to trainer's instructions and with regard to the rules of racing and animal welfare requirements  2.3 Use riding 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 race riding techniques applied conform to the rules of racing and are safe, competitive and meet public expectations |
| 3. Report on race | 3.1 Evaluate and report horse race performance  3.2 Report race incidents according to racetrack procedures  3.3 Apply protocol for communicating performance  3.4 Undertake a 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 riding |
| 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 race riding strategies based on a range of common racing scenarios and contingency situations * Anticipate and respond rapidly to changed circumstances in a race including emergency situations |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| RGRPSH415 Ride horses in races | RGRPSH415A Ride horses in races | Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages  Minor edits to performance criteria for clarity  Changed prerequisite | Equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for RGRPSH415 Ride 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 documented evidence of the individuals race riding history, verified by the Principal Racing Authority that the apprentice jockey is currently licensed, that confirms that the individual has ridden in at least 200 races on a variety of tracks, over a variety of distances, on a variety of horses, for a variety of trainers, demonstrating competitive and safe race riding skills.  There must also be evidence that the individual has, on a minimum of three occasions:   * reported on the effect of gear worn by horses and recommended changes to the trainer, * implemented the trainer, or owner’s, pre-race instructions * implemented changes to pre-race plan and explained why the change was instigated * evaluated own and horse's 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 race riding, including: * common racehorse behaviour traits * individual horse characteristics, behaviour, form and history * predicted behaviour or racing style of opposition horses in race * race riding strategies * saddlery and other race gear * personal protective equipment and purpose for its use * rules of racing and techniques for whip use * track features, surfaces and conditions * drug testing procedures * types of race injury to horses * functions of rider agents * relevant protocols and rules of racing related to riding in races: * Australian and local rules of racing and regulations pertaining to race riding * types and classes of races * handicapping system * industry terminology related to handling and racing horses * race meeting documentation * pre and post-race procedures * starting procedures * weighing procedures * racing industry standards and expectations relevant to riding 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 thoroughbred 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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