Modification history

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

| RGRROP201 | Perform duties of barrier attendant at thoroughbred race meetings and trials |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to safely and efficiently perform the duties of a barrier attendant at thoroughbred race meetings and trials. It involves handling horses safely in a high pressure environment, working closely with other barrier attendants, following directions from the starter, recognising approved and damaged gear and fitting replacement gear to agitated horses in a timely manner.  The unit applies to individuals with experience handling thoroughbred horses who are authorised to perform the duties of a barrier attendant in the horse racing industry. Working environments include racing stables, paddocks, yards, racecourses and public areas.  No occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.  Work health and safety and animal welfare legislation relevant to interacting with horses applies 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 | Nil |
| Unit Sector | Racing Performance (ROP) |

| 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. Prepare for race meeting duties | 1.1 Confirm work roster with supervisor  1.2 Provide assistance with preparation of barrier and starting equipment  1.3 Confirm allocated duties with starter  1.4 Select and correctly fit personal protective equipment according to safe operating procedures and club requirements  1.5 Ensure personal presentation is appropriate for work duties and reinforces a positive image of racing |
| 2. Identify and fit racing gear | 2.1 Identify approved racing gear according to rules of racing and local racing club requirements  2.2 Detect non-compliant, damaged or defective gear  2.3 Fit, adjust and replace racing gear in a timely manner |
| 3. Load horses into barriers | 3.1 Apply knowledge of horse behaviour to select and modify safe horse handling skills  3.2 Use safe and effective horse handling techniques for the duties of a barrier attendant  3.3 Load horses into barriers according to starter instruction  3.4 Use strategies that minimise the risk of injury to self, horses and others for loading difficult horses  3.5 Assist riders at barrier  3.6 Relay problems to starter and others  3.7 Release horses held as directed at race start |
| 4 Assist in track emergencies | 4.1 Identify potential track risks, problems or incidents  4.2 Corner and capture loose horses  4.3 Assist riders who have fallen  4.4 Restrain injured horses according to track practices |
| 5 Debrief after race | 5.1 Report outcomes of barrier loading and start to starter and/or stewards  5.2 Contribute ideas on ways to improve effectiveness of barrier team and self  5.3 Move barriers for next race  5.4 Clean and returned barriers to storage area, and report damage or maintenance needs |

| 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 track procedures and rules of racing including approved gear and equipment and safety requirements |
| Writing | * Record information about irregularities and issues accurately in workplace forms |
| Oral communication | * Use clear language to relay messages and respond promptly to instructions related to barrier attendant duties |
| Navigate the world of work | * Recognise and follow industry and track procedures, including safety and animal welfare requirements, associated with own role |
| Interact with others | * Follow accepted communication practices and protocols for communicating with race starter, racing officials and riders using accurate industry terminology * Work collaboratively with riders, officials and other barrier attendants in high pressure situations to achieve joint outcomes |
| Get the work done | * Take responsibility for performing duties safely and efficiently within nominated time frames * Assess and minimise risks relating to interactions with horses and seek assistance to prevent problems arising or escalating |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| RGRROP201 Perform duties of barrier attendant at thoroughbred race meetings and trials | RGRROP201A Perform duties of barrier attendant at thoroughbred race meetings and trials | Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages | Equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for RGRROP201 Perform duties of barrier attendant at thoroughbred race meetings and trials |
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| Performance Evidence | |
| An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.  Evidence of performing barrier attendant duties at a minimum of three thoroughbred race meetings or trials is required, including for each:   * prepared for race meeting duties * fit and adjusted approved racing gear and recognised non-compliant, damaged or defective gear * assisted with set up, movement and storgae of barriers * used safe handling techniques and work practices to lead and control horses in confined barrier spaces, including: * assessed hazards and risks associated with loading horses into barriers * released held horses according to instructions * worked as a team member to assist riders and racing officials * assisted in track emergencies or demonstrated appropriate responses to emegency scenarios * communicated effectively and promptly with riders, race starter, racing officials and licensed personnel. | |

| 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:   * approved racing gear * types and purpose of personal and protective equipment (PPE) * personal grooming and presentation requirements * basic industry terminology related to racing, horses and role * responsibilities of role and relevant rules of racing for barrier attendants * protocols and procedures for communicating with licensed and other racing industry personnel including, reporting requirements for irregularities and problems * racing industry animal welfare principles and practices * racing industry safety requirements, including: * safe operating procedures * techniques for handling, controlling and restraining horses * potential hazards and risks related to duties and track * range of behaviour traits exhibited by horses including if injured. |

| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions: * safe handling areas, such as racetracks and barriers * resources, equipment and materials: * various riders and thoroughbred horses * equipment and gear to perform barrier attendant duties * racing industry approved PPE, correctly fitted and appropriate for activity for candidate * relationships (internal and/or external): * supervisor, race starter or steward for instructions.   Training and assessment strategies must show evidence of the use of guidance on risk assessment and matching individuals and horses 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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