Modification history

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| Release | Comments |
| Release 1 | This version released with Racing and Breeding Training Package Version 3.0. |

| RGRPSHXX1 | Assess racehorses for transitioning to new purpose |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to conduct an assessment of horses bred for the racing industry, which may or may not have raced, for suitability to be transitioned for new purposes or uses.  The unit applies to individuals who work under broad direction and take responsibility for their own work. They complete routine activities dealing with predictable and unpredictable problems relating to their work in the racehorse racing sector.  All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory animal welfare and health and safety regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.  No occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication. |
| Prerequisite Unit | Nil |
| Unit Sector | Performance services horses (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. Prepare to assess racehorse suitability to transition to new purposes | 1.1 Establish ownership of individual horse and transfer of ownership arrangements  1.2 Confirm owner has followed rules of racing for retiring a racehorse with relevant Principal Racing Authority  1.3 Establish business arrangements and fees to be charged, including for outsourced services, for transitioning the horse  1.4 Confirm or organise appropriate spelling or 'let down' period and/or relevant injury management and recovery  1.5 Determine options and arrangements for internal or outsourced assessment of horse suitability to be transitioned to a new purpose |
| 2. Conduct suitability assessment of racehorse to transition to new purposes | 2.1 Review horse history and background information provided by owner and/or other relevant sources of information  2.2 Establish a safe controlled environment to conduct suitability assessments  2.3 Assess horse conformation, physical features and health for suitability for transitioning to a new purpose  2.4 Assess horse behaviour, temperament and ground manner for suitability for transitioning to a new purpose  2.5 Note behaviours or conditions that could impact on the horse transitioning successfully to a new purpose for further review  2.6 Use consistent assessment tools based on industry accepted methods for assessing horse behaviour and physical features  2.7 Record information about the horse and assessment outcomes accurately |
| 3. Evaluate racehorse suitability to transition to a new purpose | 3.1 Make a judgement on suitability of horse for transitioning to a new purpose, based on outcomes of the assessment  3.2 Determine, in consultation with relevant personnel, the most appropriate purpose or uses the individual horse is suited to  3.3 Establish a protocol and humane options for dealing with horses that are deemed unsuitable to transition to a new purpose  3.4 Discuss findings and further actions required with relevant personnel  3.5 Establish potential owner or carer for transitioned horse and/or organise further education for individual horse  3.6 Maintain accurate, up to date records of assessments and transitioning arrangements for internal and external purposes |

| 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 |
| Navigate the world of work | * Take responsibility for following industry and regulatory requirements for own role and area of work |
| Get the work done | * Plan, sequence and prioritise activities to achieve outcomes * Use formal tools, intuition and past-experience to contribute to decision making processes |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| RGRPSHXX1 Assess racehorses for transitioning to new purpose | Not applicable | New unit | No equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for RGRPSHXX1 Assess racehorses for transitioning to new purpose |
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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:   * assessed the suitability of at least four horses for transitioning to a new purpose * explained options to another person for dealing with a horse that was deemed unsuitable to transition to a new purpose * confirmed ownership arrangements and completed all assessment documentation for each of the four horses assessed. | |

| 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:   * state and national racing industry requirements relating to retiring and rehoming practices for harness and/or thoroughbred racing codes * alternative purposes or uses for horses bred for racing, including: * pleasure/recreational riding * equestrian performance disciplines, including: dressage, showing, show jumping, polo, polocrosse, western/sporting * trail horse, endurance horse * working horses, including: law enforcement/mounted security, stock work, Clerks of the Course) * therapy animals * companion animals (nannies) on breeding studs * sources of information on horses, including: * owner, trainer and/or breeder * Principal Racing Authority records and stewards * branding information and horse registry * types of background information to consider in assessment, including: * breeding pedigree and bloodline * early education * racing history in relevant code - harness or thoroughbred * health and injury history * behaviours and conditions, typically linked to strong flight or fight response, which may impact on a horse transitioning to new purposes, including: * fearful, nervous, timid, anxious behaviour * aggressive responses to people and/or other horses * overt signs of stress * fears of specific stimuli * high risk behaviours (biting, kicking, panicking, extreme flight response) * behaviours and conditions that may impact on a horse transitioning to new purposes due to pain, including: * significant injuries - leg, pelvic, back/lumbar * hoof problems * humane options for horses assessed as not suitable for transition to new purposes * organisational assessment outcome tools, criteria and descriptions * organisational procedures relating to safety and personal protective equipment * animal welfare principles and racing industry codes of practice relevant to transitioning horses to new purposes. |

| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions: * a workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions * resources, equipment and materials: * various horses bred for racing * equipment required for suitability assessments * specifications * organisational procedures, and assessment tools and criteria.   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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