Modification history

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

| RGRPSH206 | Develop riding skills for flatwork |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to develop riding skills for flatwork using well-educated thoroughbred horses. It includes communicating with supervisor and co-workers, assessing hazards, protecting the welfare of people and horses, and providing pre and post-exercise care of racehorses.The unit applies to novice riders who have attained basic riding skills and need to develop skills to ride thoroughbred horses for flatwork in workplace environments including racing stables, paddocks, yards, racecourses and public areas.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 apply 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 | Prerequisite unit of competency for this unit is: * RGRPSH205 Perform basic riding tasks in racing industry
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| 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. Prepare to ride safely | 1.1 Confirm and clarify exercise instructions with supervisor 1.2 Carry out a basic risk assessment to ensure designated exercise areas are free from hazards and obstacles1.3 Select personal and horse gear for flatwork and check it is in good working condition1.4 Prepare horse for exercise and check gear for serviceability, fit and comfort before mounting |
| 2. Ride and control thoroughbred safely | 2.1 Follow instructions and procedures for safety of self, horse and other horses and riders in the vicinity 2.2 Ride alone and in pairs at varying paces using aids appropriate to the thoroughbred's training2.3 Ride within safety zones when riding in company2.4 Assess potential risks and take appropriate action to reduce impact2.5 Carry out post-exercise care of thoroughbred and gear following stable procedures 2.6 Report problems according to workplace procedures and seek feedback on riding skill progress |

| Foundation SkillsThis 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 |
| Oral communication | * Use questioning and active listening skills to gather, clarify and relay information related to developing flatwork riding skills
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| Interact with others | * Collaborate and work safely with others including relating to people from diverse social, cultural and ethnic backgrounds
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| Get the work done | * Follow clearly defined instructions and sequencing of activities and monitor own progress when riding, seeking assistance when necessary
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| Unit Mapping Information |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| RGRPSH206 Develop riding skills for flatwork | RGRPSH206A Develop riding skills for flatwork | Updated to meet Standards for Training PackagesMinor changes to performance criteria for clarity | Equivalent unit  |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for RGRPSH206 Develop riding skills for flatwork |
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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, on at least three occasions that includes a minimum of two different well educated thoroughbred horses, the individual has:* followed instructions and safety procedures that apply to riding thoroughbreds for flatwork
* demonstrated pre and post ride care of horse and associated gear
* demonstrated effective and safe riding skills during flatwork exercise, including when:
* riding alone
* riding with others.
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| 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:* communication procedures with supervisor and stable
* racing industry and Australian Standard approved gear, including:
* helmet, clothing and footwear
* reflector strips if exercised before light
* types of approved horse gear, including:
* bridles, including leather or plastic with snaffle bits or ring bits
* breastplates
* double clip leads
* rings or running martingales
* saddles, including exercise pad or general purpose
* saddlecloths and necessary packing
* aids to control speed and direction of horse
* horse exercise regime including warm up and warmed down procedures for horse
* basic riding skills including:
* riding horses singly or in company
* retrieving reins
* stopping and changing direction
* correct use of aids
* controlling horse movement, speed and direction
* safe riding distance from other horses at different paces:
* when walking, maintaining two horse lengths
* when trotting, maintaining four to six lengths
* when cantering, maintaining 10 to 12 lengths
* safe zones, including:
* identifying and keeping clear of young or intractable horses
* techniques for slowing or manoeuvring horses seeking to encroach on space of others
* width between riders
* racing industry safety and animal welfare requirements, including:
* identifying hazards and risks
* types and purpose of PPE
* safe horse riding and handling techniques
* relevant road and track safety rules
* riding ettiquette.
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| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions: * physical conditions:
* safe handling and controlled riding areas, such as racing stables, and training and race tracks
* resources, equipment and materials:
* a variety of well-educated thoroughbred horses assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
* PPE that is appropriate for activity and correctly fitted for individual
* gear and tack appropriate for horse and activity
* specifications:
* work instructions
* relationships:
* interactions with supervisors and other riders.

Assessors of this unit must:* carry out a risk assessment of the individual’s characteristics, experience and level of horse handling skills to ensure that handler and horse combination is safe.

Training and assessment strategies must show evidence 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.In addition, the following specific assessor requirements apply to this unit:* hold a qualification or Statement of Attainment which includes ACMEQU406 Manage selection of horse for new or inexperienced handler, rider or driver.
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