Modification history

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

| RGRPSH306 | Develop basic trackwork riding skills |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to prepare riders for trackwork riding including complying with trackwork rules, protocols and safety requirements.  The unit applies to individuals who work under supervision, using practical skills and specialised knowledge relevant to riding thoroughbred horses.  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 | 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. Comply with trackwork rules, protocols and safety requirements | 1.1 Follow safety requirements, rules and regulations for rider and horse  1.2 Check fit, wear and suitability of racing industry approved gear prior to riding  1.3 Identify track features, weather and potential hazards and report to track supervisors according to workplace practices |
| 2. Develop riding skills on well educated thoroughbred horse using an exercise saddle | 2.1 Mount and dismount horse following safe work practices  2.2 Demonstrate a balanced position on a well-educated horse in an exercise saddle in an enclosed space  2.3 Develop fitness requirements for riding trackwork |
| 3. Ride slow work | 3.1 Practise slow trackwork on a well-educated horse alongside an experienced rider progressing from a track free of other horses to riding in company  3.2 Ride horses to half pace  3.3 Develop time counting and pace estimation skills  3.4 Follow rules for riding in company on the track  3.5 Follow instructions from trainer or foreman  3.6 Demonstrate skills needed to control horses in a range of common trackwork situations |

| 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 written instructions |
| Numeracy | * Estimate and use basic arithmetic to calculate pace, time and distance |
| Oral communication | * Use clear language and accurate terminology to clarify, convey and report information |
| Navigate the world of work | * Follow workplace procedures, including safety and animal welfare requirements, associated with own role |
| Interact with others | * Follow accepted industry practices and protocols on track and when working with others |
| Get the work done | * Follow instructions, sequence tasks and prepare equipment required for trackwork and care for horses * Take responsibility for and make routine decisions relating to safety, safe horse handling and trackwork riding within limits of own role |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| RGRPSH306 Develop basic trackwork riding skills | RGRPSH306A Develop basic trackwork riding skills | Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages | Equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for RGRPSH306 Develop basic trackwork riding skills |
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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 carried out trackwork riding under saddle on at least three occasions, involving two different well-educated thoroughbred horses at a range of paces, including:   * followed trainer or foreman instructions relating to safety and track work requirements * developed skills riding slow track work, including: * maintaining balance on exercise saddle * riding alongside others - maintaining pace and a straight line * counting time and identifying different paces * following track rules and riding etiquette * correctly used appropriate items of racing industry approved horse gear and personal protective equipment (PPE). | |

| 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:   * track work riding techniques, etiquette and fitness requirements * types, purpose and compliance requirements of racing industry approved gear and equipment * common thoroughbred horse behaviour, body language and social traits including known characterisitcs of horses being ridden * features of tracks, including: * track distance markers, gaps, exits * rules relating to entry and exit track and where horses are able to work at different paces * track ettiquette * time counting and pace estimation techniques * racing industry procedures and expectations relevant to basic trackwork riding, including: * communication procedures within stable and wider racing industry * animal welfare principles and and compliance requirements * safety requirements for when interacting with horses * basic industry terminology * trackwork licensing requirements. |

| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions: * a race track or simulated environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting * resources, equipment and materials: * variety of well-educated thoroughbred horses assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the candidate * racing industry approved tack for individual, horse and trackwork activity * specifications: * work instructions and related workplace documentation.   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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