Modification history

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

| RGRSWA303 | Collect blood samples for racing animal drug testing |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to work under supervision and apply the process for the safe and secure collection of blood samples from racing animals. The unit applies to racing personnel or other authorised persons who are required to collect blood samples from racing greyhounds or horses under supervision as part of their job role in work environments of racing administration approved sample collection facilities that may include racecourse, kennel or stable premises.No occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this qualification at the time of publication. |
| Prerequisite Unit | Nil  |
| Unit Sector | Swabbing (SWA) |

| 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. Plan for blood collection from greyhounds or horses | 1.1 Confirm process for selecting greyhounds or horses with stewards.1.2 Confirm collecting area is prepared and equipment is provided1.3 Secure collecting area and equipment1.4 Identify animals nominated for blood collection and escort to collecting area following safe animal handling practices |
| 2. Collect blood samples from greyhounds or horses | 2.1 Explain collection procedures and rights and obligations to nominated witness2.2 Employ techniques for handling greyhounds or horses to ensure safety of animals, self and others2.3 Prepare animals for blood collection2.4 Follow safe blood collection procedures and protocols2.5 Maintain chain of custody of sampling equipment, documentation and samples2.6 Follow swab documentation, packaging, security and shipping protocols2.7 Manage disposal of sharps to ensure safety of self and others |
| 3. Document and provide information on swabbing procedure to relevant parties | 3.1 Complete and file swab documentation3.2 Justify and document alterations to standard collection procedures3.3 Document incidents that occurred during collection procedure and report to stewards |

| 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 |
| Reading | * Reads and interprets blood sampling procedures and other documentation and consolidates information to ensure compliance
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| Writing | * Accurately records and completes required blood sampling documentation using clear language and correct terminology
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| Numeracy | * Uses volumetric measurements to take and report on blood samples
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| Oral Communication | * Effectively participates in verbal exchanges using active listening and questioning and reading of verbal and non-verbal signals to convey and clarify information with racing officials and witnesses
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| Navigate the world of work | * Takes responsibility for following rules of racing, race track policies and procedures and legislative requirements relating to job role
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| Interact with others | * Follows racing industry communication protocols with stewards, racing officials, and licensed and registered personnel
* Cooperates with others and contributes to work practices where joint outcomes are expected and deadlines are to be met
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| Get the work done | * Makes routine decisions and implements standard procedures for collecting blood samples, using formal decision making processes for more complex and non-routine situations
* Addresses less predictable problems and initiates standard procedures in response, applying problem solving processes in determining solutions
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| Unit Mapping Information |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| RGRSWA303 Collect blood samples for racing animal drug testing | RGRSWA303A Collect blood samples for racing animal drug testing | Updated to meet Standards for Training PackagesMinor changes to performance criteria for clarity | Equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for RGRSWA303 Collect blood samples for racing animal drug testing |
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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 collected blood samples from at least three greyhounds or horses over two separate occasions, including for each:* planned the blood collection process and checked and confirmed blood collection resources were ready and available
* implemented safety and security procedures for the blood sampling process according to protocols
* ensured witnesses were informed of process
* used safe animal handling techniques according to racing safety and animal welfare requirements
* collected blood samples from animals according to racing and laboratory protocols
* documented and provided information on swabbing procedure to relevant parties.
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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:* protocols and procedures for communicating with stewards, and licensed and other racing industry personnel relevant to swabbing and sample collection
* ethical conduct standards of relevant Principal Racing Authority
* racing industry safety requirements, including:
* safe operating procedures for blood sampling
* hazard identification and risk management
* safe handling techniques for animals
* greyhound or horse behaviour and communication traits relvant to safety and sample collection
* laboratory and racing protocols and standard operating procedures for sample collection, including:
* security arrangements
* preparation for collecting samples
* safe operation of collecting equipment
* collection procedures
* chain of custody of sampling equipment, documentation and samples
* racing industry animal welfare requirements related to sample collection and handling techniques
* documentation and reporting requirements including for irregularities in procedures and difficulties in obtaining samples.
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| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions: * physical conditions:
* safe handling areas for collecting blood samples such as racetracks and related swabbing facilities
* resources, equipment and materials:
* a range of greyhounds or standardbred or thoroughbred horses
* materials and equipment relevant to assessing candidate's ability to perform blood sample collection duties
* specifications:
* work instructions and related documentation
* safe operating procedures when sampling and handling sharps
* relationships (internal and/or external):
* racing officials to report to.

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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