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 horses at trackwork.  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 skills in the racing industry\*   Note the following chain of prerequisites that also apply to this unit.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Unit of competency | Prerequisite requirement | | RGRPSH205 Perform basic riding skills in the racing industry | RGRPSH201 Handle racehorses in stables and at trackwork | |
| 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 a well-educated horse using an exercise saddle | 2.1 Mount and dismount horse following safe practices  2.2 Demonstrate a balanced position at rising trot and canter in two point position with bridged reins in an enclosed arena or suitable slow work track  2.3 Adjust stirrup length with feet in irons at walk and kick out iron and regain  2.4 Bridge reins, carry a whip and use appropriate techniques to control horse at walk, trot and canter according to trainer or supervisor's instructions  2.5 Develop fitness requirements for riding trackwork |
| 3. Ride slow work | 3.1 Ride horses to half pace singly and in pairs on a slow work track  3.2 Develop time counting and pace estimation skills  3.3 Follow rules for riding in company on the track  3.4 Follow instructions from trainer or supervisor |

| 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  Minor changes to performance criteria for clarity  Prerequiste added | 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, with four different well-educated, compliant and manageable horses of different ages and temperaments, at a range of paces on a training track, including:   * followed trainer or foreman instructions relating to safety and track work requirements * developed skills riding slow track work, including: * maintained balance riding two point and bridging reins using an exercise saddle * rode alongside others - maintaining pace and a straight line * counted time and identified different paces * followed 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 characteristics of horses being ridden * rules of racing related to riding trackwork, track policies and regulations - understanding that each track has different requirements * 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 etiquette * 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 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 safe training track or controlled environment * resources, equipment and materials: * variety of well-educated, compliant and manageable horses of different ages and temperaments, assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual and the activity * racing industry approved tack for individual, horse and trackwork activity * specifications: * work instructions and related workplace documentation.   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. |

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