Modification history

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

| RGRPSH309 | Implement feeding programs for racehorses under direction |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to monitor and maintain racehorse feeding programs under direction and the factors that regulate racehorse feeding programs.The unit applies to individuals who work under supervision, using practical skills and specialised knowledge to carry out routine activities within a racing workplace.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. Monitor and maintain racehorse feeding program | 1.1 Assess the quality and suitability of feed and feed supplements for horses according to workplace and industry practices1.2 Prepare and distribute feed in line with feeding program and according to safe work practices around horses1.3 Maintain and clean feed storage areas and water supplies and keep free of contaminants1.4 Check feed inventory and report to supervisor1.5 Record and report variations to individual eating and drinking patterns 1.6 Monitor and report condition of horses according to workplace procedures |
| 2. Assess factors that regulate or guide racehorse feeding programs | 2.1 Identify factors that impact on racehorse feeding programs2.2 Detect signs of common problems related to incorrect feeding2.3 Assess feed habits of individual horses |

| 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 | * Interpret key information in work instructions, feeding schedules and inventories and feed and supplement labels
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| Writing | * Record feeding data and information accurately
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| Numeracy | * Estimate and calculate quantities of feed and supplements for a range of horses using measuring equipment
* Calculate quantities of feed stock against inventories
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| Navigate the world of work | * Recognise and follow workplace requirements, including safety and animal welfare, associated with own role and area of responsibility
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| Interact with others | * Follow accepted practices and protocols for reporting issues to supervisors
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| Get the work done | * Plan and sequence activities and assemble resources to implement feeding programs for own work area according to instruction
* Monitor feeding program activities, identify routine problems related to own work area or role and initiate standard procedures to resolve or seek assistance
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| Unit Mapping Information |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| RGRPSH309 Implement feeding programs for racehorses under direction | RGRPSH309A Implement feeding programs for racehorses under direction | Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages | Equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for RGRPSH309 Implement feeding programs for racehorses under direction |
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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 implemented a feeding program under direction and according to the rules of racing, for at least three racehorses, including for each:* monitored and maintained individual racehorse feeding program, including:
* followed feeding requirements of individual horses
* identified hazards and minimised risks associated with feeding
* detected spoiled or contaminated feed
* prepared different feed components and feed supplements
* used measuring equipment or feed weighing scales accurately.
* assessed factors impacting on individual racehorse program
* recognised changes to horse feeding pattern or behaviour
* noted any changes in condition.
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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:* principles and practices of racehorse feeding programs, including:
* feeding principles and racehorse nutritional requirements
* overview of horse digestion and horse digestive system
* basic industry terminology related to feeding, handling and caring for horses
* common horse behaviour related to feeding regimes
* key types of horse feed and feed supplements, including:
* quality, type and value of feed
* weights and energy value of feeds
* interaction between feed and supplements that may result in contravention of industry regulations
* racing industry standards and expectations relevant to racehorse feeding programs:
* racing industry animal welfare requirements
* racing industry safety requirements including safe operating and safe horse handling procedures
* relevant rules of racing relating to feeding and supplements.
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| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions: * physical conditions:
* safe handling area, stable or simulated environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting
* resources, equipment and materials:
* various racehorses assessed as being suitable for the skill and experience of the individual
* personal protective equipment correctly fitted and appropriate feeding and cleaning activities
* feed and supplements relevant to horse feeding program
* equipment required for feeding including weighing scales and/or measuring equipment
* specifications:
* work instructions and feeding program or schedule for individual horses.

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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