Modification history

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

| RGRPSH410 | Prepare for race driving |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to prepare for race driving. It includes practising race driving skills, following rules of racing, interpreting form, and observing race meeting procedures and protocols.  The unit applies to individuals with trial driving experience, who use specialised knowledge and technical harness driving skills in the racing industry.  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 applies to workers in this industry. Requirements vary between industry sectors and state/territory jurisdictions. 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. Research race information, rules and protocols | 1.1 Interpret industry terminology and abbreviations used to describe race action and performance  1.2 Identify factors that can affect race outcomes  1.3 Interpret reports on trackwork, and trial and race performance  1.4 Research race nominations, acceptances and scratching procedures  1.5 Prepare plans to identify stages of the race for individual horses based on racing style and previous form  1.6 Investigate procedures for applying for a licence to drive in races  1.7 Apply for a licence to drive in trials and/or races |
| 2. Demonstrate driving skills | 2.1 Confirm rules related to safe and legal race driving and observe during practice  2.2 Assess track shape and condition, horse condition and potential race problems  2.3 Demonstrate driving skills for standing starts and mobile starts  2.4 Demonstrate driving skills in a field of horses  2.5 Demonstrate skills for pushing out  2.6 Use techniques for emergency evasive action |

| 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 | * Access racing information from a range of sources * Interpret racing industry terminology and locate and analyse key information to prepare for race driving |
| Numeracy | * Analyse and compare statistics on horse performance and form in preparation for race driving * Estimate and calculate speed, distance and time relevant to horse pace and driving |
| Navigate the world of work | * Adhere to rules of racing and race track protocols, and follow safe and ethical horse handling and work practices associated with own role |
| Interact with others | * Follow racing communication protocols and practices to undertake and complete race driving tasks to achieve outcomes |
| Get the work done | * Take responsibility for and apply a logical process for planning, preparing and practising for races with nominated horses |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| RGRPSH410 Prepare for race driving | RGRPSH410A Prepare for race driving | Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages  Prerequisite removed | Equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for RGRPSH410 Prepare for race driving |
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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 prepared for and demonstrated safe race driving skills on at least three occasions with different standardbred horses, including:   * assessed track shape and surface inrelation to risks and horse performance * researched individual horse's form and expected performance * observed pre and post-race procedures including warm up and warm down * practised techniques for driving in races including use of approved gear and equipment to control horse and pulling hobble shorteners, blinds and hoods * complied with relevant rules and protocols related to driving in races. | |

| 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 race driving: * types and purpose of personal protective equipment (PPE) * classes of races * drug testing procedures * industry terminology related to handling and racing horses, jargon and abbreviations * permits, licence and eligibility requirements to drive in races * potential race problems and suitable evasive action techniques * race nomination, acceptance and scratching documents and procedures * racing industry standards and expectations relevant to preparing for race driving: * communication procedures within stable and wider racing industry * racing industry animal welfare requirements * racing industry safety requirements including safe operating procedures * applicable rules of racing and race meeting protocols. |

| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions: * racing training establishments, and training and race tracks * resources, equipment and materials: * variety of standardbred horses and assessed as suitable for the skill and experience of the individual to practise driving skills * appropriate racing industry approved gear, correctly fitted and appropriate for activity for individual, horse and activity * sources of information on previous races and horse performances * specifications: * trainer instructions and related documentation.   Training and assessment strategies must show evidence of the use 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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