

Communique

Meeting No: 2020.2
Date: 9 December 2020

The Racing and Breeding Industry Reference Committee (IRC) met via video conference on 9 December 2020. Present at the meeting were IRC members and guests from State and Territory Industry Skills Councils and Industry Technical Advisory Boards/Committees (ITABs/ITACs). The meeting was chaired by IRC Deputy Chair Ron Fleming.

Industry Round-Up

All IRC members provided an update on industry matters. Discussion took place on the implications of these matters for training package work. It was noted that Racing Australia, Thoroughbred Industry Careers, Godolphin and other stakeholders were working on a Thoroughbred Workforce Forum as part of a global program, recognising Australia's leading position internationally.

Work is progressing in the greyhound industry to develop training, although it is unlikely that this will be formally accredited training. Harness racing is looking to extend coverage of licensing to more occupational roles, which is likely to lead to higher demand for training.

It was noted that all segments of the industry are still struggling to find Register Training Organisations (RTOs) to deliver training.

Annual Update and Cases for Change

The IRC agreed to review the first draft of the Annual Update and requested that a Case for Change be developed for nationally consistent assessment and training materials for priority qualifications and training products that may assist with attracting RTOs to place training on scope and increase enrolments.

Changes to Qualifications

The IRC noted that the activity order to undertake work on the Certificate II in Racing Industry and the Certificate IV in Racing (Jockey) qualifications had not been finalised at the time of the meeting.

VET Streamlining and Prioritisation Framework

The IRC discussed matters arising from the streamlining activities and prioritisation framework. The IRC noted there will probably be a requirement to provide an update on no/low enrolment training products in 12 months, including evidence of current and/or future enrolments. The IRC discussed ensuring that they appropriately prioritise enrolment matters when considering all future activities.

General Business

The Chair thanked all members for their work through 2020 and wished everyone a better 2021. Skills Impact thanked all members for the additional workload all had carried this year, in circumstances where they were also carrying additional workloads in other roles.

Next Meeting

The next IRC meeting is scheduled for 2021 with a date to be confirmed.