

Racing and Breeding Industry Reference Committee

Communique

Meeting No: 2021.1

Date: 18 May 2021

The Racing and Breeding Industry Reference Committee (IRC) met via video conference on 18 May 2021. Present at the meeting were IRC members and guests from Training, State and Territory ITABs/ITACs.

Industry Round-Up

All IRC members provided an update on industry matters. Discussion took place on the implications of these matters for training package development work. The IRC provided feedback on The Australian Thoroughbred Workforce Forum, which was recently held in Sydney with many IRC members in attendance.

Work is progressing in the greyhound industry for the utilisation of accredited training, although initially training will commence with training package products utilised in a limited capacity. Negotiations have begun with RTOs to potentially deliver training.

The IRC expressed that racing integrity is a concern in every state, requiring that the relevant qualifications be delivered. It was noted that all segments of the industry are still struggling to engage RTOs to deliver this training.

Annual Update and Cases for Change

The IRC provided provisional approval for the Chair's sign off of the 2021 Annual Update and the Case for Change (RGR Training Delivery Support). The IRC discussed the importance of providing support to RTOs in the form of nationally consistent resources so that they can get products on scope for the critical training delivery needed in each state.

RGR IRC 2021 Case for Endorsement - Greyhound Racing Careers & Jockeys Project

The IRC were briefed on the project. The IRC requested that, prior to submission, entry requirements for the *RGR40221 Certificate IV in Racing (Jockey)* be amended to include the *RGR30518 Certificate III in Racing (Trackwork)*.

VET Reform and Prioritisation Framework

The IRC were briefed on the VET reform announcement from the budget papers and the current prioritisation framework, which will include IRC monitoring of low- and zero-enrolment qualifications throughout the year.

General Business

The IRC discussed Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO) codes, which are being reviewed for the agricultural sector only. IRC members were encouraged to provide feedback on the occupational classifications for 'stablehand' and 'trackwork rider' and assess their defined Australian Qualifications Framework level.

2021 Meetings

The next 2021 IRC meetings are scheduled for August and November.