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## Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with RGR Racing and Breeding Training Package Version 2.0.

## Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency in this unit must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria of this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has:

- read brands and identified and distinguished at least four individual racehorses correctly using racing industry practices and terminology
- confirmed, clarified and followed supervisor instructions
- carried out a basic risk assessment prior to handling each racehorse, including applying knowledge of horse behaviour and body language
- approached, caught, led and controlled, under supervision, three different racehorses, of different ages and temperaments, including:
  - in stables
  - onto training track
  - into cross ties
- prepared at least four horses for trackwork, including grooming and checking health and shoes
- selected and correctly fitted trackwork gear to four different racehorses, of different ages and temperaments, within industry accepted timeframes, and fitted own personal protective equipment
- carried out post-trackwork procedures, including cooling down, removing gear, hosing and health checking for at least four different horses.

## Knowledge Evidence

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:

- features and basic industry terminology used to identify horses, including:
  - physical features, including colour, markings, brands and size
  - gender

- age – by reading brands
- registration documentation
- microchip
- common racehorse characteristics, including:
  - temperament, behaviour and social traits, including undesirable traits
  - body language
  - response to commonly used cues
  - specific characteristics and responses of individual horses
- racing industry safety requirements for interacting with horses, including:
  - safe operating procedures
  - hazard identification and risk control associated with catching and leading horses
  - remaining attentive and avoiding distractions including mobile phones and other devices while handling horses
  - applying knowledge of horse behaviour
  - use of personal protective equipment
  - applying relevant road safety rules
  - complying with rules of racing, and stable and training track policies, protocols and etiquette
- approved working and racing gear for relevant code, and personal protective equipment for handler, including:
  - purpose of gear and personal protective equipment
  - correct fit for safety and comfort
  - indicators of condition – wear or damage
  - procedures for repair or replacement
- basic principles of animal welfare and relevant rules of racing related to own work role and responsibilities in the racing industry
- racing industry techniques for:
  - approaching and catching horses
  - leading horses
  - holding and controlling horses
  - fitting appropriate gear for racing code and preparing for trackwork
- purpose of different items of catching and leading gear and personal protective equipment
- racing work environments and related risks when handling horses, including in:
  - stables – stalls, tie-ups and confined spaces
  - track
  - public areas
  - yards
- communication procedures within stable and wider racing industry, including reporting requirements in relation to handling horses safely.

## Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
  - safe handling areas, such as racing stables and racetracks
- resources, equipment and materials:
  - a variety of standardbred or thoroughbred horses assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual and the activity
  - personal protective equipment that is appropriate for activity and correctly fitted for individual
  - gear and tack appropriate for racehorse and activity
- specifications:
  - work instructions and related documentation
- relationships:
  - interactions with supervisor
  - other people and racehorses in the vicinity of the assessment activity.

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.

## Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=5c4b8489-f7e1-463b-81c8-6ecce6c192a0>