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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 driven standardbred horses, of different experience and temperaments, at pacework and fast work, on at least five occasions, including for each:

- interpreted and implemented trainer’s trackwork instructions and assessed safety risks, including checking track and weather conditions
- selected and fitted approved gear and aids according to trainer instructions and rules of racing
- prepared horses for exercise and provided post-exercise care to horses
- exercised horses, maintaining fast work or pacework speed throughout exercise period, including:
  - driving singly and in company of others
  - complying with driving etiquette and track rules
  - reported horse response to exercise to trainer and/or others.

## 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:

- principles and practices of driving horses in pacework and fast work, including:
  - driving etiquette
  - gear and equipment
  - gait, paces and speed of horses
  - aids to control speed and direction of a horse
  - poor response to exercise that may indicate horse injury or fatigue
- harness racing industry safety requirements, including:
  - safe operating procedures
  - safety risks and hazards, including track and weather conditions

- safe zones for driving
- private road and track rules
- types and purpose of personal protective equipment
- racing industry standards and expectations relevant to driving horses in pacework and fast work:
  - communication procedures within stable and wider racing industry
  - racing industry animal welfare requirements
  - relevant rules of racing for harness pacework and fast work.

## Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
  - racing training facilities and racing or training track
- resources, equipment and materials:
  - various standardbred horses currently in training, assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
  - appropriate and correctly fitted racing industry-approved gear and equipment for individual, horse and activity
- specifications:
  - trainer instructions and reporting requirements.

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.

## Links

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