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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 prepared for and driven in races on at least four occasions with different standardbred horses currently in training, over at least two different distances, including:

- prepared for race, including:
 - checked items of gear and equipment
 - evaluated track features and conditions
- demonstrated sound driving strategies and skills during race, including:
 - controlled horses safely
 - stands, mobile starts, push out and leading
 - judged and maintained pace
 - used whip effectively, following rules of racing and animal welfare guidelines
- reported race incidents and evaluated own and horse performance.

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:
 - track features, surfaces and conditions
 - warm-up procedures
 - starting procedures for standing and mobile starts
 - score-up procedures
 - common racehorse behaviour traits
 - predicted behaviour or racing style of opposition horses in race
 - types and purpose of race gear and personal protective equipment
 - rules of racing and techniques for whip use
 - race driving strategies

- types of race injury to horses
- harness race procedures and protocols:
 - Australian and local rules of racing and regulations relating to race driving
 - types and classes of races
 - drug testing procedures
 - form of racing horses
 - handicapping system
 - industry terminology related to handling and racing horses
 - race meeting documentation
- racing industry standards and expectations relevant to driving horses in races:
 - communication procedures with race meeting personnel and wider racing industry
 - animal welfare requirements
 - safety requirements, including safe operating procedures.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - racing training establishments, racetracks and registered race meetings
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various standardbred horses currently in training and assessed as suitable for the skill and experience of the individual
 - appropriate racing industry-approved gear and equipment for individual, horse and activity
- specifications:
 - trainer and racing official instructions and rules of racing.

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>