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**Assessment Requirements for RGRTRK402
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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 determined relationships between animal performance and track and environmental conditions for relevant code, including:

- researched information on animal physiology, performance and injuries
- determined track ratings and condition using basic technology for two race tracks
- analysed relationship between animal injuries and performance to track design and surfaces for three animals or realistic case studies
- evaluated track and environmental conditions and options to improve animal performance and safety for three animals or realistic case studies.

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:

- animal cooling mechanisms and factors that affect hydration status of racing animals
- clinical signs in racing animals of common veterinary conditions related to:
 - digestive, respiratory and nervous systems
 - lameness
- climatic conditions impacting on track condition and animal performance, and relevant rules of racing and animal welfare relating to weather conditions
- features of track construction and design impacting on animal performance
- track ratings and condition and impact on animals, including:
 - track camber and tightness of turns
 - track materials and density
 - grading or mowing and watering techniques
- types and purpose of equipment for measuring environmental and track conditions, and procedures for their operation and maintenance

- process for determining track ratings
- factors to consider for adjusting or not adjusting track or environmental conditions, including:
 - animals
 - general public
 - image of racing
 - options that are feasible or not feasible within time available, budget or resource constraints
- racing industry standards and expectations relevant to track and environmental conditions, including:
 - workplace health and safety and environmental requirements
 - animal welfare requirements.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a racetrack or training track or an environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - resources, equipment and materials relevant to assessing individual's ability to relate animal welfare to track and environment conditions, including DVDs or videos of animal locomotion, standard industry tools, veterinary reports, scans and X-rays.

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>