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RGRPSH202 Assist with transportation of horses

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Modification History

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

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to work under direction and follow instructions to safely prepare horses for road transportation; load and unload horses; monitor horse health, welfare and behaviour during transportation; and conduct post-transport procedures.

The unit applies to stablehands, strappers, trainers and others authorised to assist with the transportation of horses, and who operate in work environments of racing stables, racecourses and public areas.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, in accordance with applicable state/territory animal welfare and workplace health and safety legislative requirements.

Licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements apply to this unit. Users are advised to check with the relevant Principal Racing Authority (PRA) for current requirements.

Pre-requisite Unit

The prerequisite unit of competency for this unit is:

- RGRPSH201 Handle racehorses in stables and at trackwork.

Unit Sector

Performance services horse (PSH)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Prepare for loading and unloading	1.1 Check and clarify supervisor instructions for tasks requiring the loading, unloading and transporting of horses

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	1.2 Check for hazards and identify and raise with supervisor potential safety risks to handler and horse when loading and unloading 1.3 Organise gear and equipment required for transporting racing horses, including personal protective equipment, and check for defects 1.4 Fit gear to horse correctly prior to loading under supervision 1.5 Check and prepare racing horses correctly for transport, according to instructions and within nominated timeframe
2. Load and unload racing horses	2.1 Load or unload horses to be transported safely according to instructions under supervision 2.2 Position horses according to individual horse requirements and transport configurations 2.3 Apply procedures and follow instructions for dealing with difficult situations in loading and unloading 2.4 Refer difficulties in loading and unloading to supervisor
3. Conduct post-transport procedures	3.1 Inspect horses and report on how well the horse travelled and signs of illness or injury to supervisor 3.2 Care for horses according to supervisor's instructions 3.3 Check transport vehicle or float for gear and equipment and assist with clean-up

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Reading	Read and interpret workplace documentation, including transport instructions
Writing	Complete workplace forms and documentation legibly using workplace formats
Oral communication	- Use active listening and questioning techniques to clarify and confirm supervisor instructions - Use industry terminology to describe horses, gear and equipment

Skill	Description
	used for handling horses
Navigate the world of work	Understand regulatory and racing industry requirements relating to safety and animal welfare, and associated responsibilities with own role
Interact with others	Work collaboratively with others to achieve joint outcomes
Get the work done	Follow clearly defined instructions and sequencing; monitor own progress loading and unloading racehorses, and seek assistance when necessary

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
RGRPSH202 Assist with transportation of horses	RGRPSH202A Assist with transportation of horses	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages. Changes to elements and performance criteria to reflect job task.	Equivalent unit

Links

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Assessment Requirements for RGRPSH202 Assist with transportation of horses

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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, on at least three occasions, the individual has:

- carried out a basic risk assessment prior to each activity, including observing and identifying horse body language
- followed instructions and communicated clearly with supervisor, including raising safety risks or concerns
- prepared the horse and equipment ready for safe loading and unloading for transport
- loaded and unloaded the horse safely from the transport vehicle following workplace procedures
- inspected horses post-travel and reported on condition to supervisor in a timely manner.

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:

- basic industry terminology related to handling and transporting horses
- communication procedures within stable and wider racing industry
- common horse behaviour, social traits and vices relating to loading and unloading on transport
- common horse injuries and indicators of wellbeing or distress relevant to transporting
- purpose of using appropriate personal protective equipment
- racing industry animal welfare requirements
- racing industry safety requirements, including safe operating procedures
- vehicles, configuration and equipment used for transporting horses:
 - horse position and securing
 - horse requirements
 - transport configurations

- workplace procedures for:
 - organising and fitting gear and equipment
 - checking and preparing horses for transport
 - dealing with difficult situations during loading and unloading
 - checking and cleaning vehicle and float.

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 harness or thoroughbred horses assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
 - personal protective equipment that is appropriate for activity and correctly fitted for individual
 - gear and tack appropriate for horse and transportation activity
 - materials and equipment, including transport vehicles
- specifications:
 - work instructions and related documentation
- relationships:
 - interactions with supervisors
- timeframes:
 - according to the job requirements.

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.

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