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RGRPSH203 Perform basic driving tasks

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Modification History

Release	Comments
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 perform basic driving skills using a well-educated standardbred horse and assistance from another person and/or technology such as a double-seated sulky. It includes protecting the welfare of people and horses and providing post-exercise care of horses.

The unit applies to individuals who perform routine harness-related tasks under supervision within the harness racing industry.

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

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Protect safety and welfare of people and horses	1.1 Select and wear appropriate personal protective equipment according to workplace policies and procedures

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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>
	1.2 Follow safety instructions, including venue-specific requirements 1.3 Identify potential hazards, minimise risks and report problems to supervisor
2. Provide pre-exercise care of horse	2.1 Catch and secure horses following safe handling procedures 2.2 Carry out pre-exercise grooming according to workplace practice 2.3 Check the wear and suitability of designated gear, and ensure correct fit
3. Apply basic driving skills	3.1 Mount sulky and control horse as instructed while aided by an assistant to release horse from tie-up rail 3.2 Demonstrate and maintain effective driving position 3.3 Use aids to control movement, speed and direction of a horse at walk and trot 3.4 Dismount sulky and control horse while aided by an assistant to secure horse at tie-up rail 3.5 Discuss goals to improve driving skills with supervisor
4. Provide post-exercise care of horse	4.1 Remove gear and warm down horse according to workplace practice 4.2 Carry out post-exercise grooming according to workplace procedures 4.3 Release horse using safe procedures 4.4 Clean equipment and check for wear and breakage, and then store in an appropriate manner according to workplace procedures

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	Interpret key information in written instructions and workplace or venue requirements

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Oral communication	Use clear language and industry terminology appropriate for audience to convey information
Learning	Seek feedback to identify gaps in knowledge and skills
Navigate the world of work	Follow workplace procedures, including safety and animal welfare requirements, associated with own role
Interact with others	Follow accepted communication practices and protocols in stable and wider racing industry when working with others
Get the work done	Follow clearly defined instructions to identify and sequence tasks and assemble equipment required for basic driving and care for horses

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
RGRPSH203 Perform basic driving tasks	RGRPSH203A Perform basic driving tasks	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages. Minor change to performance criteria for clarity. Prerequisite added.	Equivalent unit

Links

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

Assessment Requirements for RGRPSH203 Perform basic driving tasks

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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 the individual has performed the following activities on at least three occasions with at least two different well-educated standardbred horses, including for each:

- carried out a safety check and reported problems to supervisor
- cared for horse pre-exercise and post-exercise
- demonstrated basic driving tasks and manoeuvres using:
 - aids to control speed and direction of a horse at walk and trot
 - different items of driving apparel
 - different items of gear
 - safe basic driving skills.

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:

- items to cover in safety checks and risk assessment:
 - potential hazards – exercise area
 - fit and condition of tack and personal protective equipment
 - horse condition and body language
 - weather conditions
- principles and practices of harness driving:
 - aids to control the speed and direction of a horse
 - equipment for measuring horse condition and fitness
 - common horse behaviour, social traits and body language
 - driving skills

- common pre-exercise care
- common post-exercise care, including cooling horses
- racing industry standards and expectations relevant to performing basic driving tasks:
 - communication procedures within stable and wider racing industry
 - purpose of using appropriate racing industry-approved personal protective equipment
 - racing industry animal welfare requirements
 - racing industry safety requirements, including safe operating procedures and hazard and risk checks
 - workplace procedures for harness driving and the relevant rules of racing.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a jog track or an environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various well-educated standardbred horses assessed as suitable for the skills and experience of the driver
 - racing industry-approved personal protective equipment for individual, correctly fitted and appropriate for activity, including protective vest, boots and helmet
 - jog cart or sulky, preferably double-seated
 - tack and equipment for basic driving
 - access to a mentor/trainer driver.

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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