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RGRPSH204 Prepare to drive jog work

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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 prepare new or inexperienced drivers for the specific requirements of controlling horses in trackwork using well-educated standardbred horses, at beginner driver speed, not trackwork speed.

The unit applies to individuals who perform routine 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:

- RGRPSH203 Perform basic driving tasks.

Note the following chain of prerequisites that also apply to this unit.

Unit of competency	Prerequisite requirement
RGRPSH203 Perform basic driving tasks	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. Identify trackwork requirements	1.1 Recognise and use industry terminology relating to exercising standardbred horses 1.2 Measure trackwork speeds and distances 1.3 Verify trackwork instructions 1.4 Clarify reasons for any subsequent modifications to instructions with supervisor 1.5 Check gear and equipment, including personal protective equipment according workplace policies and procedures
2. Complete warm-up and cool-down procedures	2.1 Complete pre-drive safety checks according to workplace practices 2.2 Carry out warm-up and cool-down exercises in line with safe practices and according to workplace procedures 2.3 Carry out post-exercise activities for horse and gear according to workplace procedures
3. Control horses before, during and after exercise	3.1 Mount sulky safely 3.2 Exercise horses as instructed by supervisor 3.3 Recognise gaits of the horse on and off the horse 3.4 Dismount sulky safely 3.5 Use safe horse handling techniques under supervision, for nervous or excited horses

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
Oral communication	Use questioning and active listening skills to clarify and confirm instructions

Skill	Description
Navigate the world of work	Follow workplace procedures, including work health and 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 jog drive work and care for horses

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
RGRPSH204 Prepare to drive jog work	RGRPSH204A Prepare to drive jog work	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages. Minor changes to performance criteria for clarity.	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 RGRPSH204 Prepare to drive jog work

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

- carried out pre-drive trackwork requirements, including safety check
- carried out warm-up and cool-down exercises
- demonstrated basic drive jog trackwork control of horse in driving manoeuvres at beginner driver (not trackwork) speeds, covering:
 - entered and exited the sulky safely
 - adjusted driving methods according to responses of the horse, including driving off safely
 - controlled reins and speed and direction of horse
 - used appropriate driving apparel
 - used appropriate items of gear
 - used aids to control speed and direction of horse at walk and jog.

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:

- track and jog work requirements, including distances, speed and track features and surface condition
- features to check in a pre-drive safety check, including:
 - potential hazards in exercise area
 - condition of track
 - fit and condition of horse tack and personal protective equipment
 - horse condition and behaviour
 - weather conditions

- principles and practices of jog work:
 - aids to control speed and direction of a horse
 - common horse behaviour, social traits and vices
 - industry terminology related to driving horses at trackwork
- racing industry standards and expectations relevant to drive jog work:
 - purpose of using appropriate personal protective equipment
 - racing industry animal welfare requirements
 - harness racing industry safe operating procedures
 - assessing and controlling risks related to activity and interacting with horses
 - relevant rules of racing and road safety.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a racing 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 to the skills and experience of the individual
 - racing-approved gear and equipment for individual, horse and activity
 - sulky or jog cart.

Assessors of this unit must:

- carry out a risk assessment of the individual's characteristics, experience and level of horse handling skills to ensure that handler and horse combination is safe.

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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