



Australian Government

RGRPSH207 Perform racing stable duties

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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 clean and maintain the stable environment, identify and report workplace hazards, provide feed and water to horses, groom horses and monitor basic horse health and welfare.

The unit applies to individuals who perform routine stable duties in the harness or thoroughbred codes of the 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

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1. Perform stable duties and identify potential hazards	1.1 Review racing stable operations and procedures to ensure understanding and compliance 1.2 Identify, select and correctly fit appropriate personal protective

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	equipment according to safe work practices 1.3 Clean stables and yards and replace bedding according to stable routine 1.4 Clean, sweep or rake stable environment and yards 1.5 Identify and report hazards in the workplace to nominated person according to workplace policies and procedures
2. Provide feed and water to horses	2.1 Identify common feedstuffs accurately 2.2 Prepare and provide feed and water according to stable routine 2.3 Identify, remove and report contaminated feed according to workplace policies and procedures 2.4 Observe and report variations to individual eating and drinking patterns 2.5 Ensure correct feed and additives are prepared and fed to the correct horse, knowing and understanding consequences of errors
3. Groom horses	3.1 Assess hazards and potential risks to self, others and horse and take steps to minimise prior to handling and grooming horses 3.2 Position and tie up horses in preparation for grooming, using safe horse handling techniques 3.3 Groom horses according to instructions 3.4 Check horses for illness or injury during grooming, and report irregularities according to workplace policies and procedures 3.5 Clean and maintain grooming tools according to workplace procedures 3.6 Clean and dress horse hooves following stable routine
4. Monitor basic health and welfare of horses	4.1 Observe, identify and report signs of a healthy or unhealthy horse according to workplace procedures 4.2 Follow stable hygiene and quarantine practices according to workplace procedures 4.3 Check horse hooves and legs for soreness, inflammation and lameness and report to nominated person according to workplace policies and 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 work instructions and information in stable routines and procedures
Writing	Record information about stable duties and events accurately, following workplace procedures
Numeracy	Measure quantities of feed and additives accurately
Oral communication	Use active listening and questioning skills to confirm and clarify instructions
Navigate the world of work	Follow stable procedures and racing industry requirements relating to safety and animal welfare; recognising and taking responsibility for own role and work area
Interact with others	Work collaboratively with others to perform stable duties effectively
Get the work done	Plan and sequence own tasks and assemble equipment to complete duties in designated timeframes

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
RGRPSH207 Perform racing stable duties	RGRPSH207A Perform stable duties	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages Change of title and minor changes to performance criteria for clarity and safety 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 RGRPSH207 Perform racing stable duties

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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 carried out routine stable duties, including:

- followed instructions and stable routines and recorded basic information on at least three occasions
- applied safe work practices when performing stable duties, including:
 - carried out a basic safety check to identify hazards and risks
 - identified, selected and used correct personal protective equipment
 - used safe horse handling work practices when interacting with horses
 - safely and securely removed horses to clean stable or yards
 - followed safe operating procedures
- cleaned at least three boxes according to stable routine
- groomed and cleaned feet of at least three horses according to instructions, using appropriate tools
- provided feed and water to at least three horses, receiving specific feeds or additives according to instructions
- monitored basic health and welfare of horses in stable.

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:

- common horse behaviour, social traits and vices relevant to stable duties
- characteristics of healthy horses
- horse housing requirements and types and purpose of boxes and bedding materials
- horse feeding, including:
 - purpose of common horse feedstuffs and additives
 - consequences to horse of incorrect feeding, including quantities, additives and mixes

- indicators of quality and contaminated feeds
- horse feeding and drinking patterns
- horse grooming, including:
 - purpose of grooming
 - types and purpose of grooming equipment
 - grooming techniques
 - health and hoof checking
- safe work practices, including:
 - purpose of using appropriate personal protective equipment
 - identifying workplace hazards and controlling risks associated with chemicals, heavy loads, machinery, equipment, other people and horses
 - racing stable safe operating procedures
- racing stable operations, including:
 - procedures and routines
 - hygiene and quarantine practices
 - communication and reporting protocols
 - relevant rules of racing and animal welfare requirements.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a racing stable and yard or an environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various harness or thoroughbred horses assessed as suitable for the skills and experience of the individual
 - horse grooming equipment
 - feed (including contaminated or spoiled feed) and feeding equipment
 - personal protective equipment correctly fitted and appropriate for activity for individual
- specifications:
 - instructions and stable procedures and routine.

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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