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RGRPSH302 Supervise handling 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 direct, assist and oversee others to identify and safely catch, control and handle horses.

The unit applies to individuals who have experience handling horses and who work under broad direction, using both practical skills and specialised knowledge of safe horse handling techniques, within the harness or thoroughbred racing industry codes.

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

Nil

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 others for handling horses	1.1 Determine competence of other workers with regard to handling individual horses 1.2 Follow workplace health and safety practices for matching the skills and experience of handlers to task and horses 1.3 Explain and demonstrate use of personal protective equipment and

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	different gear to control and handle horses 1.4 Provide opportunities for practice and skill development for inexperienced staff according to workplace training processes
2. Direct, assist and oversee others to identify and safely catch, control and handle horses	2.1 Assess hazards and potential risks to self, others and the horse in catching and handling horses, and take steps to minimise 2.2 Delegate tasks according to current competence and animal and staff welfare 2.3 Direct others regarding catching, controlling and general handling of horses according to stable procedures 2.4 Provide assistance to others in identifying and handling 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
Learning	Keep own skills and knowledge up-to-date by supervising and assessing the skills of others
Oral communication	Give clear instructions and feedback about safe horse handling techniques and procedures
Navigate the world of work	- Take responsibility for adherence to workplace procedures, including work health and safety and animal welfare requirements, associated with own role and area of work - Take responsibility for decisions about delegating and supervising others in horse handling activities
Get the work done	- Plan, organise and monitor safe horse catching and handling activities, taking risk factors into consideration - Make decisions quickly and intuitively if problems with safety occur

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
RGRPSH302 Supervise handling of horses	RGRPSH302A Supervise handling of horses	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages. Changes to elements and performance criteria for clarity and to address safety.	Equivalent unit

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet -
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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 worked with at least two individuals, over a minimum of two occasions, to carry out safe horse catching and handling procedures, including for each occasion:

- evaluated risks associated with catching and handling horses
- assessed capabilities of each individual to perform specific tasks
- gave clear instructions about safe operating procedures and safe horse handling techniques
- provided opportunities for staff to practice skills development for:
 - catching, leading and handling horses
 - leading and handling horses in enclosed spaces
 - using different items of handling gear appropriate to horse catching and handling activities
- supported and assisted individuals in catching and handling horses safely.

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:

- principles and practices of safe horse handling:
 - safe handling techniques for horses
 - industry terminology related to handling horses
 - common horse behaviour, body language and social traits
- safe work practices for matching individuals to activities involving interactions with horses:
 - assessing horse suitability for handlers
- gear and equipment:

- types of personal protective equipment and purpose of using appropriate personal protective equipment
- range and purpose of gear for catching and handling horses safely
- demonstration techniques for use of gear and equipment and safe horse catching and handling
- basic strategies for staff management or supervision, including features of effective teamwork
- racing industry standards and expectations relevant to supervising handling of horses:
 - racing industry animal welfare requirements
 - racing industry safety requirements, including safe operating procedures.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a racing workplace or an environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various standardbred or thoroughbred horses
 - staff or other individuals to supervise in activity
 - appropriate personal protective equipment, gear and equipment for individual, horse and activity
- specifications:
 - instructions and workplace procedures for safe horse handling and animal welfare
- relationships:
 - at least two individuals to supervise.

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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