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RGRPSH303 Organise and oversee transportation of horses

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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 schedule transport; organise staff, equipment and horses; and monitor transport arrangements.

The unit applies to individuals who work under broad direction using practical skills and specialised knowledge of safe horse handling and transportation, within a racing workplace.

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 may 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. Schedule transportation of horses	1.1 Prepare calendar of events requiring horse transportation in line with workplace requirements 1.2 Investigate destinations, including distance, route and venue requirements 1.3 Calculate numbers of horses and approximate load capacities

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	for relevant destinations to determine type of vehicle or carrier required 1.4 Book workplace vehicle or external carrier, after confirming costs, conditions and insurance arrangements 1.5 Arrange schedules to minimise health and safety risks associated with transporting horses and optimise horses' preparedness to race or trial 1.6 Identify and comply with workplace health and safety, animal welfare and biosecurity requirements associated with transporting horses 1.7 Document transport arrangements, including horse identification details, pickup and delivery times, and any special requirements for long haul journeys according to workplace procedures
2. Organise staff, equipment and horses for transportation	2.1 Roster employees to have horses ready to travel to and from race or trial event 2.2 Notify required personnel of pickup and return times and any special requirements for individual horses, including for poor travellers and difficult loaders 2.3 Notify personnel of required equipment and resources to be transported with horses 2.4 Coordinate movement of horses to loading area, confirm horse identification and equipment to be loaded, and oversee loading of horses
3. Oversee transport arrangements	3.1 Ensure completion and accuracy of relevant documentation according to workplace and regulatory requirements 3.2 Communicate regularly with staff and/or contractors to confirm clarity and understanding of arrangements 3.3 Follow up with staff and/or contractors to identify any issues relating to transporting horses 3.4 Report incidents or procedural problems in transportation according to workplace procedures 3.5 Report horse behaviour or welfare problems related to transportation promptly to relevant personnel

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 schedules, workplace procedures and external carrier conditions
Numeracy	Calculate distances, travel, and loading and unloading times to prepare transport schedule
Navigate the world of work	Recognise importance of legislative and workplace procedures, including workplace health and safety, animal welfare and biosecurity requirements, and expectations relating to own role and area of responsibility
Get the work done	Plan, organise and monitor safe horse handling and transportation activities, taking risk factors into consideration, assessing options and resolving within limits of work role

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
RGRPSH303 Organise and oversee transportation of horses	RGRPSH303A Supervise transportation of horses	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages. Changes to clarify intent of unit relevant to job role.	No equivalent unit

Links

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Assessment Requirements for RGRPSH303 Organise and oversee 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 the individual has organised and monitored the transportation of horses on at least three occasions, including for each occasion:

- prepared the schedule and organised the transportation of one or more horses from one location to another
- organised arrangements for staff, equipment and horses
- monitored transport operations
- completed documentation and reports accurately and in a timely manner.

Note: One of the above occasions must include organising more than one horse to attend a race meeting.

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:

- workplace procedures and regulations regarding transport of horses, including:
 - animal welfare
 - biosecurity
 - workplace health and safety
- types of horse carriers/vehicles, load capacities and overview of costs
- factors to consider when transporting horses, including:
 - distances and route – traffic, road conditions
 - venue or racetrack requirements
 - weather conditions
 - horse welfare, comfort and safety
 - cost
- scheduling methods and software options

- horse characteristics:
 - common horse behaviour, social traits and vices during transportation
 - keeping records of individual horses' travel issues
 - symptoms and signs of stress, illness or injury impacting on or as a result of transport arrangements
- workplace documentation requirements, including for:
 - insurance
 - use of external carriers
 - long haul travel
 - invoicing of owners
 - employee rostering and recording of wage allowances
- racing industry standards and expectations relevant to the transportation of horses:
 - types and purpose of personal protective equipment for staff loading and unloading horses
 - safe handling techniques
 - racing industry animal welfare requirements.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or an environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - business equipment or technology for scheduling transportation
 - vehicle to transport horses
 - various horses for transporting
- specifications:
 - work instructions or other required workplace documentation.

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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