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RGRPSH305 Develop driving skills for trackwork

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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 develop driving skills for trackwork using well-educated standardbred horses.

The unit applies to individuals who have experience driving at different jog speeds. They work under supervision, using practical harness driving skills and specialised knowledge, 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 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:

- RGRPSH204 Prepare to drive jog work.

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

Unit of competency	Prerequisite requirement
RGRPSH204 Prepare to drive jog work	RGRPSH203 Perform basic driving tasks
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. Prepare to drive	1.1 Confirm exercise instructions with trainer 1.2 Confirm designated exercise areas and track are free from hazards and obstacles and report any issues according to workplace policies and procedures 1.3 Confirm selected gear for slow exercise is in good working condition according to workplace procedures 1.4 Prepare horse for slow exercise according to trainer instructions
2. Drive and control horse safely	2.1 Keep horses under control at walk and trot pace, when alone and in company 2.2 Drive horses within safe zones for driving in company 2.3 Identify potential hazards and take appropriate action to reduce impact 2.4 Consider safety of horse, driver and other horses and drivers in the vicinity when driving

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 requirements
Numeracy	Estimate and use basic arithmetic to calculate speed, distance and time
Oral communication	Use questioning and active listening skills to clarify and confirm instructions
Navigate the world	Follow workplace procedures, including work health and safety and animal welfare requirements, associated with own role

Skill	Description
of work	
Interact with others	Follow accepted practices and protocols on track and when working with others
Get the work done	- Follow instructions, sequence tasks and prepare equipment required for trackwork driving and care for horses - Take responsibility for and make routine decisions relating to safety, safe horse handling and trackwork driving within limits of own role

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
RGRPSH305 Develop driving skills for trackwork	RGRPSH305A Develop driving skills for trackwork	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>

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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 driving trackwork on at least three occasions, involving two different well-educated standardbred horses, including for each occasion:

- prepared horse for exercise, including fitting own driving apparel and horse gear correctly
- followed trainer's instructions and exercise area rules and regulations, including:
 - complied with safe zones when driving the horse singly and in company of others
 - maintained driving etiquette
- controlled speed and direction of horse at walk and trot or pace.

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:

- driving trackwork practices:
 - track rules
 - driving etiquette
 - relevant rules of racing
- types, fit and purpose of:
 - gear and equipment
 - driving apparel and personal protective equipment
- aids to control speed and direction of a horse
- paces of horses and working gait
- safe zones for driving
- racing industry standards and expectations relevant to driving skills for trackwork:
 - communication procedures within stable and wider racing industry
 - racing industry animal welfare requirements

- racing industry safety requirements, including safe operating procedures and safe horse handling practices.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a racetrack or training 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 skill and experience of the driver
 - racing industry-approved personal protective equipment, correctly fitted and appropriate for activity for individual
 - appropriate gear and equipment for individual, horse and activity
- specifications:
 - work instructions and reporting requirements.

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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