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RGRPSH307 Exercise horses in pacework

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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 ride and exercise a range of horses in slow work and pacework. It includes selecting aids and gear, accepting rides based on rider and horse experience, reporting on horse performance and organising riding commitments.

The unit applies to individuals who work under supervision, using practical skills and specialised knowledge relevant to riding thoroughbred horses within racing industry guidelines.

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:

- RGRPSH306 Develop basic trackwork riding skills.

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

Unit of competency	Prerequisite requirement
RGRPSH306 Develop basic trackwork riding skills	RGRPSH205 Perform basic riding skills in the racing industry
RGRPSH205 Perform basic riding skills in the racing industry	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. Ride a range of horses in slow work	1.1 Ride horses in slow work according to trainer instructions and safe work practices 1.2 Identify approved gear and personal protective equipment, and fit safely to individual and horses according to safe work practices 1.3 Select aids and use within rules of racing and trainer instructions
2. Ride experienced horses in pacework	2.1 Accept rides based on rider experience and horse experience 2.2 Ride horses at a range of paces and tempos using time-counting methods to determine speed 2.3 Demonstrate techniques used to control horses in a range of situations according to safe work practices 2.4 Follow trainer instructions to the best of ability, and report horse performance following trackwork
3. Apply the rules of racing and track rules to trackwork	3.1 Interpret rules of local track prior to undertaking trackwork 3.2 Schedule trackwork to meet requirements of local track availability and times 3.3 Follow track supervisor instructions and track rules, including entry and exit of track 3.4 Apply rules of racing and industry etiquette to slow and fast trackwork

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
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Reading	Interpret key information in written instructions and workplace procedures relating to riding pacework
Numeracy	Estimate and use basic arithmetic to calculate pace, time and distance
Navigate the world of work	Follow rules of racing and workplace procedures, including work health and safety and animal welfare requirements, associated with own role
Interact with others	Follow accepted industry practices and protocols for reporting horse performance and working with others
Get the work done	- Follow instructions, sequence tasks and prepare gear required for exercising horses - Take responsibility for and make routine decisions relating to safety, safe horse handling and pacework within limits of own role

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
RGRPSH307 Exercise horses in pacework	RGRPSH307A Exercise horses in pacework	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages. Revised element 3.	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 RGRPSH307 Exercise horses in pacework

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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:

- interpreted and implemented trainer's trackwork instructions, including use of aids
- exercised at least five different thoroughbred horses, over a distance of approximately 1000 metres, covering a range of paces, including:
 - half pace
 - three-quarter pace
 - even time
 - working gallop
- used appropriate techniques to control horse safely in pacework, singly and in company
- reported horse performance to trainer.

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:

- criteria for accepting rides, including:
 - rider experience
 - horse experience
- pacework riding techniques, practices and industry terminology, including:
 - common racehorse behaviour traits and responses to cues relevant to pacework
 - counting time at half pace, three-quarter pace, even time and working gallop
- range and purpose of approved gear and aids, including personal protective equipment
- trackwork rules, including racing etiquette and safe entry and exit points for relevant tracks relating to work environment
- racing industry standards and expectations relevant to exercising horses in pacework:
 - communication procedures within stable and wider racing industry

- basic strategies for effective working relationships and teamwork
- racing industry animal welfare requirements
- safety requirements, including safe operating procedures.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a training or racetrack suitable for pacework
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - a variety of thoroughbred horses assessed as suitable for experience and skill of individual
 - racing industry-approved and appropriate tack and personal protective equipment for individual, horse and pacework activity
- specifications:
 - work instructions and related 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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