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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 monitor and maintain racehorse feeding programs under direction, and the factors that regulate racehorse feeding programs.

The unit applies to individuals who work under supervision, using practical skills and specialised knowledge to carry out routine activities 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

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. Monitor and maintain racehorse feeding program	1.1 Assess the quality and suitability of feed and feed supplements for horses according to workplace and industry practices 1.2 Prepare and distribute feed in line with feeding program and

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	according to safe work practices around horses 1.3 Maintain and clean feed storage areas and water supplies, and keep free of contaminants 1.4 Check feed inventory and report to supervisor 1.5 Record and report variations to individual eating and drinking patterns 1.6 Monitor and report condition of horses according to workplace procedures
2. Assess factors that regulate or guide racehorse feeding programs	2.1 Identify factors that impact on racehorse feeding programs 2.2 Detect signs of common problems related to incorrect feeding 2.3 Assess feed habits of individual horses against racehorse feeding programs

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 work instructions, feeding schedules and inventories, and feed and supplement labels
Writing	Record feeding data and information accurately
Numeracy	- Estimate and calculate quantities of feed and supplements for a range of horses using measuring equipment - Calculate quantities of feed stock against inventories
Navigate the world of work	Recognise and follow workplace requirements, including safety and animal welfare, associated with own role and area of responsibility
Interact with others	Follow accepted practices and protocols for reporting issues to supervisors
Get the work done	- Plan and sequence activities, and assemble resources to implement feeding programs for own work area according to instruction - Monitor feeding program activities, identify routine problems related to

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	own work area or role, and initiate standard procedures to resolve or seek assistance

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
RGRPSH309 Implement feeding programs for racehorses under direction	RGRPSH309A Implement feeding programs for racehorses under direction	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages.	Equivalent unit

Links

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Assessment Requirements for RGRPSH309 Implement feeding programs for racehorses under direction

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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 implemented a feeding program under direction and according to the rules of racing, for at least three racehorses, including for each:

- monitored and maintained individual racehorse feeding program, including:
 - followed feeding requirements of individual horses
 - identified hazards and minimised risks associated with feeding
 - detected spoiled or contaminated feed
 - prepared different feed components and feed supplements
 - used measuring equipment or feed weighing scales accurately
- assessed factors impacting on individual racehorse program:
 - recognised changes to horse feeding pattern or behaviour
 - noted any changes in condition.

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 racehorse feeding programs, including:
 - feeding principles and racehorse nutritional requirements
 - overview of horse digestion and horse digestive system
 - basic industry terminology related to feeding, handling and caring for horses
 - common horse behaviour related to feeding regimes
- key types of horse feed and feed supplements, including:
 - quality, type and value of feed
 - weights and energy value of feeds

- interaction between feed and supplements that may result in contravention of industry regulations
- workplace procedures for feeding and monitoring feeding programs
- racing industry standards and expectations relevant to racehorse feeding programs:
 - racing industry animal welfare requirements
 - racing industry safety requirements, including safe operating and safe horse handling procedures
 - relevant rules of racing relating to feeding and supplements.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - safe handling area, stable or an environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various racehorses assessed as being suitable for the skill and experience of the individual
 - personal protective equipment correctly fitted and appropriate for feeding and cleaning activities
 - feed and supplements relevant to horse feeding program
 - equipment required for feeding, including weighing scales and/or measuring equipment
- specifications:
 - work instructions and feeding program or schedule for individual horses.

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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