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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with RGR Racing and Breeding Training Package Version 2.0.

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 undertaken the following, with at least two standardbred horses, including for each:

- demonstrated safe and effective horse handling skills, including assessing hazards and risks associated with educating each horse
- introduced harness racing gear, equipment and routines to horse
- introduced driving skills, including:
 - developing balance and tractability of horse
 - driving horse from mobile start position
 - using strategies to control horse
 - judging and identifying pace of horse
- planned and evaluated horse education, including:
 - identified racing, training and barrier driving problems
 - selected effective techniques to correct or modify behaviour and performance of horse according to animal welfare principles
 - selected and used remedial training gear.

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:

- characteristics of behaviour and movement of standardbred horses that could potentially affect horse performance in harness training and racing
- causes of common harness racing and training problems
- principles and practices of educating horses for harness racing, including:
 - basic horse learning theory principles for education and re-education of horses
 - indicators of poor performance
 - industry terminology related to educating horses for racing

- approved and remedial gear
- features of training plans for racing standardbred horses
- racing industry standards and expectations relevant to educating horses for harness racing:
 - communication procedures within stable and wider racing industry
 - personal protective equipment
 - racing industry animal welfare requirements
 - racing industry safety requirements, including safe operating procedures and risk assessment and control
- applicable rules of racing relevant to educating horses for harness racing.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - safe handling and work areas, such as racing stables, and training and racetracks
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various standardbred horses assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
 - appropriate and correctly fitted racing industry-approved gear and equipment for individual, horse and activity
- specifications:
 - trainer instructions and reporting requirements.

Training and assessment strategies must show evidence of the use 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.

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=5c4b8489-f7e1-463b-81c8-6ecce6c192a0>