



Australian Government

RGRPSH410 Prepare for race driving

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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 prepare for race driving. It includes practicing race driving skills, following rules of racing, interpreting form, and observing race meeting procedures and protocols.

The unit applies to individuals with trial driving experience, who use specialised knowledge and technical harness driving skills in the racing industry.

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:

- RGRPSH402 Drive horses in pacework and fast work.

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

Unit of competency	Prerequisite requirement
RGRPSH402 Drive horses in pacework and fast work	RGRPSH305 Develop driving skills for trackwork
RGRPSH305 Develop driving skills for trackwork	RGRPSH204 Prepare to drive jog work
RGRPSH204 Prepare to drive jog work	RGRPSH203 Perform basic driving tasks
RGRPSH203 Perform basic	RGRPSH201 Handle racehorses

Unit of competency	Prerequisite requirement
driving tasks	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. Research race information, rules and protocols	1.1 Interpret industry terminology and abbreviations used to describe race action and performance 1.2 Identify factors that can affect race outcomes 1.3 Interpret reports on trackwork, and trial and race performance 1.4 Research race nominations, acceptances and scratching procedures 1.5 Prepare plans to identify stages of the race for individual horses based on racing style and previous form 1.6 Investigate procedures for applying for a licence to drive in races 1.7 Apply for a licence to drive in trials and/or races
2. Demonstrate driving skills	2.1 Confirm rules related to safe and legal race driving, and observe during practice 2.2 Assess track shape and condition, horse condition and potential race problems according to workplace health and safety procedures 2.3 Demonstrate driving skills for standing starts and mobile starts 2.4 Demonstrate driving skills in a field of horses 2.5 Demonstrate skills for pushing out 2.6 Use techniques for emergency evasive action

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	- Access racing information from a range of sources - Interpret racing industry terminology and locate and analyse key information to prepare for race driving
Numeracy	- Analyse and compare statistics on horse performance and form in preparation for race driving - Estimate and calculate speed, distance and time relevant to horse pace and driving
Navigate the world of work	Adhere to rules of racing and racetrack protocols, and follow safe and ethical horse handling and work practices associated with own role
Interact with others	Follow racing communication protocols and practices to undertake and complete race driving tasks to achieve outcomes
Get the work done	Take responsibility for and apply a logical process for planning, preparing and practicing for races with nominated horses

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
RGRPSH410 Prepare for race driving	RGRPSH410A Prepare for race driving	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages. Prerequisite removed.	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 RGRPSH410 Prepare for race driving

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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 prepared for and demonstrated safe race driving skills with three different standardbred horses, including:

- researched race information, rules and protocols, including:
 - individual horse's form and expected performance
 - assessed track shape and surface in relation to risks and horse performance
 - obtained relevant race driving licence
- practiced techniques for driving in races, including:
 - use of approved gear and equipment to control horse – pulling hobble shorteners, blinds and hoods
 - pre-race and post-race procedures – warm up and warm down
 - standing and mobile starts
 - push out techniques when driving in a field.

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:

- information about races and horses, including:
 - classes of races
 - race nomination, acceptance and scratching documents and procedures
 - form guides, stewards' reports, internet, race observations
 - industry terminology, jargon and abbreviations
- principles and practices of race driving:
 - types and purpose of approved gear and personal protective equipment
 - drug testing procedures
 - permits, licence and eligibility requirements to drive in races

- potential race problems and suitable evasive action techniques
- racing industry standards and expectations relevant to preparing for race driving:
 - communication procedures within stable and wider racing industry
 - animal welfare requirements
 - safety requirements, including safe operating procedures
 - applicable rules of racing and race meeting protocols.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - racing training establishments, and training and race tracks
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - variety of standardbred horses assessed as suitable for the skill and experience of the individual to practise driving skills
 - appropriate racing industry-approved gear, correctly fitted and appropriate for individual, horse and activity
 - sources of information on previous races and horse performances
- specifications:
 - trainer instructions and related documentation.

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.

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