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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 prepared for and demonstrated safe driving skills, in trials on at least three occasions with standardbred horses, including for each occasion:

- followed instructions from trainer and complied with directions of racing officials
- assessed potential risks related to track conditions, gear and equipment and horse
- controlled horses during trials using appropriate and safe driving techniques, including:
 - warming up and scoring up
 - driving horses to and from barriers
 - judging and maintaining pace
 - using whip effectively, following rules of racing and animal welfare guidelines.

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 driving horses:
 - behaviour of trialling horses
 - pace of trialling horses
 - track rules
 - track condition and surfaces
 - driving skills and techniques for different track conditions, surfaces and situations
- harness trial procedures and protocols:
 - Australian and local rules of racing relating to trial driving, including for whip use
 - classes of trials
 - industry terminology related to handling and racing horses
 - starting procedures
 - responsibilities of stewards and racing officials

- racing industry standards and expectations:
 - communication procedures with stewards, barrier attendants and trainers
 - animal welfare requirements
 - safety requirements, including safe operating procedures.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - racing training establishments, training and racetracks, and barrier trials
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various standardbred horses assessed as suitable for the skill and experience of the individual
 - appropriate racing industry-approved gear and equipment for individual, horse and activity
- specifications:
 - trainer and racing official instructions and rules of racing.

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>