



Australian Government

RGRPSH413 Prepare for race riding

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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 prepare for riding in races. It includes practising race riding skills, following rules of racing, interpreting form, and observing race meeting procedures and protocols.

The unit applies to individuals with approval to ride, who use specialised knowledge and practical riding 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

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. Identify and practise race riding skills	1.1 Practise techniques for riding short in a racing saddle 1.2 Refine riding action to ride horses out using hands and heels and use of whip 1.3 Apply pre-race and post-race riding procedures

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2. Identify factors that can affect race outcomes	2.1 Assess personal fitness and weight to ride at peak fitness and optimal weight 2.2 Walk track and assess track shape and surface for impact on individual horse performance 2.3 Research effect of horse ratings and handicapping system on race outcomes 2.4 Research effect of barrier draw on individual horses 2.5 Recognise individual horse's racing style
3. Read and interpret form	3.1 Use industry terminology and abbreviations to describe action and interpret performance 3.2 Interpret reports on trackwork, trial and race performance from a range of sources 3.3 Prepare and interpret speed maps according to industry practice
4. Demonstrate knowledge of relevant rules and protocols related to riding in races	4.1 Research procedures for applying for a permit to ride in races 4.2 Determine the system of apprentice claims 4.3 Identify and interpret inquiry and protest procedures 4.4 Research rider booking, and race nomination, acceptance and scratching procedures 4.5 Apply rules related to safe and compliant race riding during practise 4.6 Apply procedures to prepare race saddles to meet handicap weights 4.7 Identify reasons for personal weight fluctuations on race day, in races and over time

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	- Access racing information from a range of sources - Interpret racing industry terminology and locate and analyse key information to prepare for race riding
Numeracy	- Analyse and compare statistics on horse performance and form in preparation for race riding - Estimate and calculate speed, distance and time relevant to horse pace and riding
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 riding 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 - Anticipate and respond rapidly to changed circumstances in a trial, including emergency situations

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
RGRPSH413 Prepare for race riding	RGRPSH413A Prepare for race riding	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages. Minor edits to performance criteria for clarity. Prerequisites 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 RGRPSH413 Prepare for race riding

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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 race riding on at least three occasions, including:

- walked the track and assessed track shape and surface in relation to risks and horse performance
- researched individual horse's form and expected performance
- observed pre-race and post-race procedures, including weighing in and out
- prepared a race saddle and weigh-out at three different weights
- practised techniques for riding short in a racing saddle, including use of approved gear and equipment to control horse.

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 race riding:
 - purpose and preparation of speed maps
 - types and purpose of personal protective equipment
 - industry terminology related to safe handling and racing of horses
 - pre-race and post-race riding procedures
 - methods for determining individual horse racing styles
 - techniques for riding short
 - whip use
- relevant protocols and rules of racing related to riding in races:
 - classes of races
 - permits to ride in races
 - apprentice weight claim allowances
 - procedures for race nominations, acceptances and scratchings

- procedures to organise rider bookings
- drug testing procedures
- inquiry and protest procedures
- use of whips
- racing industry standards and expectations relevant to preparing for race riding:
 - communication procedures within stable and wider 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:
 - jockey's room and racetracks
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various thoroughbred horses assessed as suitable for the skill and experience of the individual to practise race riding skills
 - jockey scales
 - sources of information on trackwork, previous races and horse performances
 - appropriate racing industry-approved gear and equipment for individual, horse and activity
- specifications:
 - work instructions, relevant rules of racing 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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