



Australian Government

RGRPSH414 Ride horses in trials

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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 ride horses in trials. It includes complying with rules of racing, following instructions, judging pace, and applying riding skills according to track conditions.

The unit applies to individuals who are approved to ride in official barrier trials. They 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

The prerequisite unit of competency for this unit is:

- RGRPSH405 Ride horses in jump outs.

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

Unit of competency	Prerequisite requirement
RGRPSH405 Ride horses in jump outs	RGRPSH404 Ride horses at trackwork
RGRPSH404 Ride horses at trackwork	RGRPSH307 Exercise horses in pacework
RGRPSH307 Exercise horses in pacework	RGRPSH306 Develop basic trackwork riding skills
RGRPSH306 Develop basic trackwork riding	RGRPSH205 Perform basic

Unit of competency	Prerequisite requirement
skills	riding skills in the racing industry
RGRPSH205 Perform basic riding skills in the racing industry	RGRPSH201 Handle racehorses 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. Comply with barrier trial procedures	1.1 Confirm horses to be ridden in trials with trainers 1.2 Follow starter, barrier attendant and other racing official directions 1.3 Clarify and follow trainer or foreman instructions to the best of ability
2. Apply trial riding skills	2.1 Assess potential risks related to track, gear and equipment and horse condition, and take action to minimise 2.2 Use riding skills appropriate for track conditions and situations 2.3 Judge pace of horse during trial and maintain for required times and distances, according to trainer instructions
3. Use safe riding skills	3.1 Apply rules of racing relating to safe and compliant riding of horses in trials 3.2 Demonstrate safe and ethical whip use according to the rules of racing

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 written trainer instructions, workplace documentation, and relevant rules of racing
Numeracy	Estimate and calculate speed, distance and time relevant to horse pace
Oral communication	Listen to instructions, respond to requests and convey information using clear language and industry terminology relating to handling and racing horses
Navigate the world of work	Adhere to rules of racing and race trial protocols, and follow safe and ethical horse handling and work practices associated with own role
Interact with others	Follow racing communication protocols and practices when interacting with a range of racing personnel
Get the work done	- Plan and prepare strategies for race trial, considering trainer and racing official instructions, and taking responsibility for decisions - 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
RGRPSH414 Ride horses in trials	RGRPSH414A Ride horses in trials	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages. Minor edits to performance criteria for clarification. Change to prerequisite.	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 RGRPSH414 Ride horses in trials

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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 riding skills in trials on at least four occasions with different thoroughbred horses, including for each:

- complied with barrier trial procedures and relevant rules of racing
- assessed potential risks related to track condition, gear and equipment and horse characteristics
- jumped out, 'took a sit' and rode out using hands and heels
- controlled, judged and maintained pace
- used whip according to rules of racing and animal welfare principles.

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 trials riding:
 - key features of behaviour of trialling horses
 - industry terminology related to handling and racing horses
 - pace of trialling horses
 - track condition and surfaces
 - riding skills and techniques for different track conditions, surfaces and situations
 - rules of racing and animal welfare guidelines for whip use
- relevant protocols and rules of racing related to riding in trials:
 - Australian and local rules of racing and regulations pertaining to safe trial riding
 - barrier attendant and steward responsibilities and types of directives
 - starting procedures
 - track rules
 - classes of trials and distance of trials
- racing industry standards and expectations relevant to riding horses in trials:

- communication procedures with stewards, barrier attendants and horse trainers
- animal welfare requirements
- safety requirements, including safe operating procedures
- relevant rules of racing related to riding in trials, including appropriate whip use.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - racing training establishments, training and licensed racetracks, and barrier trials
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various thoroughbred 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.

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